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Autopsy conducted on killed Chinese farmer

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REPORTER

Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola has already conducted an autopsy to determine the cause of death of Li Qian Ding, a 59-year-old Chinese farmer who was found dead on the ground outside his house in As Lito last July 16.

» **'Investigators are working on leads'**

A source at the Department of Public Safety disclosed that Espinola completed his autopsy on Ding at the Commonwealth Healthcare Center's morgue last Sunday.

DPS has yet to release to the media the results of the autopsy as investigation is ongoing.

Asked if the wife is a suspect or a person of interest, the source said investigators have yet to clear her as

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Further reduction of poker machines will 'kill' SHEFA

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The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance would be gravely affected if ever remaining poker game

room operators reduce their machines or worse shut down their operations. This would create a domino effect since SHEFA's funds, which help Saipan students with their college education, come from poker

license fees.

Taxes paid by poker machine operators are SHEFA's lone source of funds, which they distribute to assist Saipan students with their college ed-

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JON PEREZ

Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance board members Frank Cabrera, left, and Ray Muna, second left, listen to vice chair Juan Tenorio, third left, while chair Oscar M. Babauta reads a section of their agenda in yesterday's meeting held at the Saipan Mayor's Office conference room. Not in photo but also present in the meeting is SHEFA board administrator Melissa Rasa.



DENNIS B. CHAN

A construction boom, led by Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s \$550-million Grand Mariana Casino Hotel and Resort development, has created a strong demand for construction materials and supplies but local hardware stores assured they're up to the challenge in meeting this demand.

Hardware stores: Enough supply for high demand

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Four of the five biggest construction suppliers on the island are ready to supply the current high demand brought by a number of construction developments taking place right now. The CNMI, particularly Saipan, is experiencing a construction boom buoyed by an increase in tourist arrivals.

Transamerica Corp. (Saipan), Guangdong Hardware, Win Win Way Corp., and Construction Materials Supply assured that their stocks are enough to supply the demand be it in large or small time construction projects. Conwood Products, Inc. declined to comment.

Construction materials will also be needed to repair and renovate houses destroyed by Typhoon

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With enough headroom to wear her crown and drive, 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua couldn't be happier with her new official 2016 Hyundai Accent.

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Celebrity actress Phoebe Yuan Ai Fei was on Saipan, Tinian and Rota on June 23-27, 2016, for her very first photo book shoot.

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The hordes of zombies, legions of Stormtroopers, leagues of superheroes and crews of Starfleet officers have already begun crawling, marching, flying and beaming into San Diego.

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Gov. Torres says 16 lawyers interested on judge's position

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Sixteen lawyers are interested to fill up the vacant judge's position in the Superior Court, according to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

In an interview, Torres disclosed that hopefully he should come out with a nominee within a month.

"We're continuing to look for interested candidates and I continue to talk to more interested potential nominees," the governor said.

Torres revealed that 16 lawyers expressed interest, including those who are currently off-island but previously worked in the Commonwealth.

He said a couple of lawyers

from Tinian are interested too, but have not officially informed him about their intent to serve.

Torres said he is looking at a lawyer who has vast experience and has ability to treat case with impartiality, among other characters of a good judge.

Asked if his brothers and sister are among the interested lawyers, the beaming Torres said his lawyer siblings are not on the list.

The governor's four siblings—Joaquin, Judy, Victorino, and Vincent—are currently working in their law firm Torres Brothers LLC.

An associate judge's position has been vacant when David A. Wiseman retired last May 20 after serving 15 years on the bench.

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China-based corporation withdraws lawsuit

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Jilin International Economic and Technical Group, a China-based corporation, has voluntarily dismissed its lawsuit against its alleged employee that it accused of embezzling \$6.2 million in corporate profits earned from his management of a company on Saipan.

Following Jilin International's voluntary dismissal, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday vacated her previous order directing the corporation to show cause why its lawsuit should not be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Attorney Samuel Mok, counsel for Jilin International, informed the court on Wednesday that the corporation intended its notice of voluntary dismissal to serve as its response to the court's order to show cause.

However, Mok pointed out, in an abundance of caution, Jilin International is filing the non-opposition to the order to show cause for the sake of clarity.

In her order to show cause issued on Monday, Manglona ordered Mok, counsel for Jilin International, to appear before the court yesterday for the show cause hearing.

The judge noted that because Jilin International and defendant Wanzhong Yu are both aliens, they do not appear to be diverse for federal jurisdictional purposes.

Manglona said Jilin International seeks a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against Yu pre-

venting him from using funds belonging to Universal Group Development Inc. (Saipan), which Jilin International claims to own.

In filing the lawsuit, Mok asserts that the federal court has subject matter jurisdiction over this lawsuit pursuant to a statute, which governs diversity jurisdiction.

However, Manglona noted, Jilin International is a Chinese corporation and Yu is a "foreign alien resident of the CNMI."

"Because it appears that the parties are not diverse, the court will order JIC (Jilin) to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for lack of federal jurisdiction," Manglona said.

Jilin International claims that Yu, who alleged that he was detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners on Saipan, was only its employee and was indeed indicted in China for embezzling \$6.2 million in corporate profits earned from his management of Universal Group.

Jilin International sued Yu for declaratory and injunctive relief, embezzlement, conversion and constructive trust, and breach of fiduciary duty.

Jilin International asked the federal court to issue a declaration that Yu is not a legitimate shareholder, director or officer of Universal Group Development.

Mok requested the court to declare that Jilin International is the true owner and corporate parent of Universal Group Development.

Mok asked the court, among

other things, to preliminarily and permanently enjoin Yu from taking any actions as the purported holder, director or officer of Universal Group, including accessing \$225,000 currently deposited into the federal court's trust account representing the contents of a business savings held by Universal Group.

Last March, Manglona issued a default judgment in favor of Yu and against businessmen Mingnan Jin and Jinwei Guo in connection with a separate but related lawsuit. Yu was awarded \$125,699.60 in damages.

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DPL eyes 'scattered lottery' for newly available lots

The Department of Public Lands says they continue to review its homestead applicant listing, thinning them down in recent months, and says some lots are ready for a

"scattered lottery."

"We have people put in appeal letters to those that were issued revocations in the last two months or so. Last week, I received three appeal letters

so those have been forwarded to our hearing officer," DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo told *Saipan Tribune* in a recent interview.

She said DPL at the mo-

ment has 37 lots opened for "scattered lottery" but are not ready to open them yet.

Scattered lottery means various homestead lots "mixed around" in Dandan, some in

Kagman I, II, III, for example, that were made available after were revoked and not appealed.

"We have...37 ready for scattered lottery," Teregeyo said. "We are going to entertain the next folks on the list."

In related news, Teregeyo

also said they've recently hired a new homestead director. Director Frank Songsong, she said, used to work for Duenas & Associates out of Guam and fills a position that has been held by interim directors for about two years. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Independent Guåhan honors life of Ed Benavente

One of Guåhan's most passionate advocates for decolonization and independence was laid to Wednesday. Eddie "Ed" L.G. Benavente left us too soon on July 6 at the age of 59. He was a passionate community organizer; a teacher of Chamoru history and the Chamoru language; a writer and musician; and a highly respected leader in the Chamoru rights movement.

Benavente dedicated his life to his family and to the decolonization and independence of the island he loved so deeply. He has been a guiding force and inspiration to the membership of the Independence for Guåhan Task Force (Independent Guåhan). We celebrate and honor the incredible life, work, and wisdom he shared with so many.

Benavente served as the Maga'låhi of Nasion Chamoru from 1995-2003. He led numerous protests and demonstrations that helped reshape the political consciousness of the island. As the group's leader he was instrumental in compelling the Government of Guam to at last implement the Chamorro Land Trust Act.

As a founding member

of Nasion Chamoru, Benavente fought for decolonization and Chamoru self-determination; freedom from the harmful impacts of militarization; the return of Chamoru lands; and sustaining the Chamoru language, traditional arts, and customs for future generations.

At the heart of Benavente's activism was a belief that Guåhan could and should be independent. He wanted Guåhan to have genuine autonomy and the Chamoru people to exercise true self-determination. Benavente has received international recognition for this work, most prominently in the form of the prestigious Alston/Bannerman Fellowship in 2002.

Benavente also served as the director for both the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission and the Commission on Decolonization. The GALC was first created in order to facilitate the return of excess U.S. federal lands to their original landowners, some of whom waited decades for their lands to be returned. Through Benavente's efforts, hundreds of acres were deeded back to their original owners, despite pressure from

the U.S. federal government not to return them.

Benavente said that he first began to develop his political consciousness while attending the University of Guam, and in particular a Guam History class that had been taught by then-professor Robert Underwood.

As pride in being Chamoru and speaking Chamoru grew, Benavente contributed to this resurgence. He worked alongside prominent Chamoru musicians and media personalities at KUAM studios, and he helped produce the late Jesus "Chamorro" Charfauros' historic Prugraman Kombetsaion. Possessing a true musician's soul, Benavente was part of the band "Chamorro," which released *Tiempo*—a powerful collection of Chamoru rock ballads and protest songs.

Benavente's love for the Chamoru language and its essential role in Chamoru identity led him to become a Ma'estron Chamoru at John F. Kennedy High School from 1992-2003. He was also an adjunct instructor at the University of Guam and Guam Community College, teaching courses in Chamorro language

and Guam History.

Benavente and a group of other Chamoru teachers worked with the late Dr. Bernadita Camacho-Dungca to write and popularize the "Inifresi." Public school children at all grade levels are now required to learn this pledge, which serves as a reminder to protect the heritage and natural resources of the Chamoru people.

As a testament to the strength of our people in our centuries-long struggle against colonization, Benavente penned *I Manmañainâ-ta*, a bilingual Chamorro-English book which details the stories of a group of great Maga'låhi who fought against Spanish conversion in the 17th century.

One of Benavente's most enduring legacies will be his work to establish Sagan Kotturan Chamoru, a non-profit, community-based-and-organized Chamorro cultural center that overlooks Tumon Bay. Benavente and his family worked tirelessly for years alongside a variety of artists in order to clean the area, develop its infrastructure, and prepare it for the public to observe and learn Chamorro weaving, dancing, crafting and traditional medicine. Dur-

ing the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts, Sagan Kotturan Chamoru became a hub for cultural exchange and healing.

Benavente and his beautiful family have contributed so much to our island and our people. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Master of Chamorro Culture

for Body Adornment, Julie "Jill" Benavente, their daughters Amber and Tåsi, and their grandchildren.

For more information contact Independent Guahan chair Michael Lujan Bevacqua at 988-7106 or email. independentguahan@gmail.com. **(PR)**

HARDWARE

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Soudelor last year. The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts is coordinating the repair projects with the help of U.S. volunteer groups.

Transamerica owner Steven Lim said they increased their supplies to make up for orders from their customers. "Right now, we've increased our inventory to accommodate the rise of construction activity on the island."

"Though, currently we are not yet making our own concrete blocks. But we do bring in wood products from overseas," added Lim in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Transamerica supplies building and construction materials like cement, doors, electrical wires, lumber, masonry, paint, plyform, plywood, rebars, roofing, tiles, windows, and plumbing fixtures and fittings.

Guangdong manager Justin Xiang, in a telephone interview yesterday, said their operations are back to normal after experiencing a temporary slowdown of orders from their customers and other construction builders. He said the slowdown was because of the CW1 cap issue.

"Some of the companies, our clients, that were affected by the CW1 cap had to extend their projects. Some stopped their construction projects, while some took a longer time since some of their workers are CWs," Xiang said.

"Our sales were temporarily affected especially with some of the middle-sized proj-

ects waited for some of their CW workers to come back to Saipan. Everything is back to normal now."

Xiang added that based on their current inventory of stocks, Guangdong is ready to answer the demand. "The demand right now is high but we have enough on our stock to supply the need of our customers. Be it in big or small construction projects."

Win Win Way administrator Hu Go Kan, in another telephone interview yesterday, said they don't have any problems with their materials since they have been producing their own.

The Hong Kong-based construction company has invested on a batching plant, which is used to manufacture materials for construction projects, and a warehouse on Saipan.

He said the CW1 cap also affected them. "For our part, we do our own materials with some also being shipped from China. Construction in some of our projects also slowed down with the CW1 issue."

We're going back to normal, especially with the Honest Profit [International] hotel in San Antonio as our biggest construction project right now."

CMS general manager Joe Guzman, who was a bit hesitant to give any information, said they also have enough supplies despite being a week behind in providing materials for their customers.

"We do supply the island and we make up for the high demand. We're a bit behind but we are capable and can provide for the needs of our customers."

DCCA's Child Care & Development Fund meets with providers

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Child Care & Development Fund held a meeting with providers at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center to discuss and share the newly approved FY 2016 to 2018 CNMI Child Care and Development Fund State Plan.

Discussions focused on the provider requirement of Pre-Service hours, ongoing Train-

ing and Technical Assistance, and requirements on Developmental Screenings, contents of provider Program Policies and Procedures, and preventing expulsion, suspension, and limiting services to children and families. This meeting was facilitated by the CCDF administrator Maribel Loste. A total of 28 participants were present that included directors,

owners, and their staff.

CCDF providers also were given training on Classroom and Playground Safety. This three-hour training held at the Multi-Purpose Center included discussion on elements in a facility and playground area that affect children's safety, practical ways to modify the environment to promote child safety and explore the role of

parents and staff education in promoting child safety.

The facilitator for this training was Loste and was participated by 40 childcare providers, including license-exempt providers. This training is aligned to CCDF's ongoing efforts toward higher quality childcare services as well as providers' ongoing professional development. **(PR)**

SHEFA

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ucation either here on Saipan, the mainland U.S., or Guam.

SHEFA chair Oscar M. Babauta said they must be ready to explore ways on how to get funds aside from the poker industry, especially when Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Grand Mariana Resort gets fully operational next year.

Babauta said the local poker industry would greatly feel the impact with operators saying they are seeing the natural death of their business. That's why House Local Bill 19-66, introduced by Rep. Francis Taimanao (Ind-

Saipan), aims to help them.

Taimanao's local bill aims to amend a provision on Saipan Local Law 18-05, which mandates the poker industry to move to the Adult Gaming Zone's geographical location in October next year. Taimanao wants to prolong the move in the next three to four years.

"They wanted to prolong the movement to another three to four years. They wanted to allow themselves time to see if there's an impact [in the poker industry]. [Poker] operators would soon make a choice of either reduce [machines] or close their operations," said Babauta.

"If that happens, SHEFA is

doomed financially. The SHEFA program has no other revenue source other than the poker industry. The CNMI continues to gain in the poker industry that's why we're going to work hard to resolve the funding issue," Babauta added.

In general, the CNMI government gets \$8.4 million in poker license fees with \$3.2 million to \$3.4 million going to SHEFA, while \$5 million is appropriated to other agencies.

The impending decrease on SHEFA's funds worries students like Jonathan Reyes Pangelinan. The Mt. Carmel School High School valedictorian is set to begin his studies in computer science at Seattle University this fall.

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investigation is continuing.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong yesterday said they are working on leads, but that he is unable to comment on the ongoing investigation to protect the integrity of the case.

The wife, a Carolinian,

found Ding lying face down outside their house and called 911 on July 16 early morning.

Police responded to the scene at 6am.

Tarkong early this week disclosed that there were obvious signs that Ding had been lifeless for some time before he was found.

Ding and his wife were only staying in the house as they have no children, a neighbor said.

DPS identifies masked man who was shot by Corrections officer

The Department of Public Safety yesterday identified T.J. Sablan as one of two masked men who was shot and wounded by an off-duty law enforcement officer for allegedly trying to steal his lawnmower at his residence in Koblerville.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong also confirmed that Sablan was arrested and that the case was forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General.

Tarkong refused to elaborate.

Tarkong earlier confirmed about the burglary that resulted to injury at the law enforcement officer's house last Friday early morning.

Tarkong then stated that he would release more details about the incident when DPS commissioner Robert Guerrero would give him the go signal.

Sources said it was a 25-year-old Department of Corrections officer who shot Sablan on the leg.

Sources said the officer was sleeping at his house when he was awakened by noise at 3am.

The officer saw two masked men who tried to steal his lawnmower and confronted them.

One of the masked men got into "an incident" with the officer, sources said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

DFEMS receives Haz Mat Tech refresher course

The Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality sponsored a Haz Mat Tech/Spec Refresher Course at the Capitol Hill Fire Station from 8am to 5pm on July 12-14, 2016.

The Haz Mat Tech/Spec Refresher program is certified by the California Office of Emergency Services/California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) and certificates will be issued to all Tech/Spec trained personnel that completed the course.

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Ex-DPS chief, ex-cop's joint request to exonerate bail denied

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has denied the joint request by former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion to exonerate conditions of release and bail imposed on them.

In a two-paragraph order issued on Tuesday, Camacho noted that there is still a pending petition for writ filed by the Office of the Attorney General before the CNMI Supreme on June 14, 2016.

Attorneys Matthew J. Holley and Richard W. Pierce, counsel for Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, respectively, said there are no pending charges remain in this criminal

proceeding, and that the bond and conditions of release serve no purpose.

Deleon Guerrero, 44, and Concepcion, 45, are both under house arrest after posting \$25,000 and \$10,000 cash bail plus property, respectively.

In defendants' joint motion, Holley and Pierce said they are aware of the mandamus petition filed by the government last June 14 with respect to two counts of the information.

Holley and Pierce said should the Supreme Court mandate the Superior Court to find probable cause with respect to those counts or mandate the case for further proceedings, the defendants will voluntarily appear in Superior Court as directed through the court's or the government's communication with their respective counsels.

The lawyers said the defen-

dants are not aware of any infraction related to the conditions of release imposed by the court.

Last June 30, Camacho issued separate orders, dismissing without prejudice the remaining charges against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

Dismissal without prejudice means the Office of the Attorney General may re-file the charges.

In his order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to the charge of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as the government has produced no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion conspired to specifically have sexual contact with a minor.

In his separate order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to two counts of misconduct in public office each

charged against the defendants as the government has presented no evidence that the alleged offense occurred under color of office.

Last May 27, Camacho also dismissed without prejudice the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree filed each against the defendants. The judge said he finds no probable cause as to the charge as the government failed to prove essential ele-

'Zoning changes can't be haphazardly passed without enough input'

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REPORTER

Rep. Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan) wants to require lawmakers to get more public input before changes to zoning areas are made to accommodate new investors are made in the Commonwealth.

Sablan has authored House Bill 19-190 to amend the Zoning Law of 2013 to require not one but three public hearings for any proposed change of district boundary, uses, or requirements, among other purposes.

"We continue to realize the rise in investments and developments on our islands which is certainly healthy for economic growth," Sablan said in a statement. "In addition to the obvious increase in developments, we are noticing many requests for properties both

ment of the offense.

Camacho conducted the preliminary hearing last April 22 and May 9.

According to the information filed by assistant attorney general Shannon R. Foley, in June 2013 on Saipan, Deleon Guerrero, then the commissioner of DPS, twice engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site.

Foley said that in June 2013, Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion arranged a meeting place, meeting times, and coordinated with other persons to lure

the minor child to a San Antonio beach site, where they engaged in sexual penetration of that child.

Foley said that in June 2013, Concepcion, then a DPS officer, engaged in sexual penetration with a minor child at the San Antonio beach site on numerous occasions.

The prosecutor said Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, being public officials, performed illegal acts under the color of their office.

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

public and private to be rezoned and we anticipate these request to be more common."

"While I do acknowledge the need for re-zoning of areas to assist developments," Sablan went on to say, "we must be cognizant of the fact that many of these zoning changes trigger many questions and concerns from our people that must be addressed properly. We need to find balance between our fiscal, social, economic, and environmental goals."

Sablan's bill amends the zoning law to require public hearings to "occur in the village or site where the proposed change and/or project is to take place unless access to the site is limited due to distance or other reasonable factors which shall be set forth in writing."

To the CNMI Zoning Board's task to prescribe rules

of procedure to govern publishing of public notices and the conduct of public hearings, Sablan adds that the "said rules shall comply with the Open Government Act."

His bill further adds that, "the Zoning Board shall provide all necessary plans for the public to view during each public hearing."

"...Most residents whose homes surround the site of a proposed major or even a minor site plan are usually uninformed and unaware of site plans that may significantly affect them," Sablan's bill states. "These residents are exposed to different potential hazards via construction, pollution... that will disrupt their health and their everyday living."

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Torres orders creation of invasive species council for bio-security plan

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Amid the current economic boom, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has issued an executive directive to order the creation of a special council tasked with developing a long-term bio-security plan to protect the Commonwealth from the dangers and harm of invasive species.

Torres established this "CNMI Invasive Species Council," or CISC, through a July 15, 2016 directive sent to all department and activity heads.

According to the directive,

CISC is given "the special purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning among Commonwealth departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the Commonwealth and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful."

The council will advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species related efforts, the directive said. And will consist of representatives from

the departments of Lands and Natural Resources, Finance, Commerce, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Northern Marianas College, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Marianas Visitors Authority, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., as well as local federal, international, and privately organized programs and policies.

Per the directive, appointed representatives will be of a position and authority within their respective offices as to make management-level decision on behalf of their office, as necessary to carry out

the council's objectives and measures.

"The Commonwealth has unique ecological history as islands with their surrounding reefs and lagoons, populated by thousands of native species of marine and terrestrial animals and plants, many of which are found nowhere else in the world," the directive says. "The most cost-effective way to minimize the impacts of invasive species is to prevent their spread and colonization of new islands through comprehensive, collaborative bio-security efforts."

The directive notes that

food security, opportunities for economic prosperity, and natural environments in the Commonwealth are increasingly impact and continually threatened by a wide range of invasive plants, animals, insects, and disease organism.

It calls invasive species management "fundamental"

to adapt to climate change, build resilient economies, communities, and ecosystems, and to achieve social and economic development objectives including poverty alleviation and the enhancement of food security, fresh water availability, human health, biological diversity, and coral reef health.

\$7.5M in grants allocated to various PSS programs

A total of \$7,578,110 in consolidated grants had been allocated to support the various programs of the Public School System. The consolidated grants are aligned to PSS' strategic priorities for the coming school year.

A huge chunk of the grant—or \$2 million—will go directly to schools in providing supplemental materials for classroom instruction, while \$1,672,841 is for 35 class size reduction teachers at the elementary and secondary levels to decrease the teacher-to-student ratio in each class.

Another \$1.1 million is for the expanded on the job-training program in all public high schools, which aims to have 500 students enrolled per year, while \$797,707 is allocated for distance education with 36 courses offered.

Title 1 that would focus on tutorials for Kindergarten to the third grade will be receiving \$687,342 and \$670,000 for the Heroes to Teachers Program. A total of \$650,220 is for K-3 with coaching intended for teachers aimed to reduce variability of instruction of 80 percent of students' reading OGL by 2020.

PSS has provided profes-

sional development training for highly qualified and effective teachers and school leaders, and tutorials to more than 1,500 students that are performing below their grade levels.

The tutorials resulted to an 84-percent improvement with 231 students leaving the tutorial program after performing above-grade levels based on the 2014-2015 school year federal monitoring report.

Computers, LCD projectors, Internet connection, SMARTboards, digital capture devices, electronic libraries, and other materials for learning have been provided to most of the classrooms while the distance education allowed Tinian and Rota students access to high school courses offered only on Saipan.

The PSS has also partnered with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and other agencies to prepare students for the workforce through various mentoring and internship programs.

The PSS has secured a low interest loan from Rural Development to build new kindergarten classrooms and other school facilities. (Jon Perez)



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Two Japanese groups to arrive next week



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Seisa High School students perform during Marianas High School's Cultural Day held early this year. Different Japanese groups are frequent visitors to the island.



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Students from Seisa High School join the festivities of the annual Cultural Day of Marianas High School last January.

the rest of the day visiting the island's historical tourist sites.

The American Memorial Park, Sugar King Park, Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, Grotto, and Bird Island Lookout are some of the historical sites that they would visit and spend the day at the Pacific Islands Club the following day, July 28.

They will then go to Managaha Island on July 29 where they will also have a barbecue lunch. Saturday, July 30, will be their free day where they would be spending the day with their respective host families. The sayonara party will be on July 31 at Minatchom Atdao Pavilion.

Their final activity will be visiting the *man'amko* center on Monday, Aug. 1, before leaving the following day at 4:20pm.

Sanpoen, meanwhile, will be spending a week on Saipan with the Nagano group as the advance party on July 28 at 3pm. The next group will arrive also at 3am on July 29 and has scheduled memorial services at Banzai and Suicide cliff and Last Command Post starting at 1:30pm.

The whole group will be making a courtesy call to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog at 3:30pm at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill.

After visiting American Memorial Park and Sugar King Park on July 30, they will be making paper lanterns for the Floating Lantern Ceremony at 6pm at the Hopwood beach area.

They will also visit Managaha Island on Aug. 1 and will have a sayonara party at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club. They leave, again in two separate groups, at 4:15am and 4:20pm. (Jon Perez)

Two groups of Japanese homestay students will be visiting Saipan separately as part of their respective Student Cultural Exchange Programs. The students come from the Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai or the International Youth Association of Japan and the Sanpoen group.

KSKK will be arriving on July 26, Tuesday, at 3pm, while Sanpoen planes in two days after on Thursday, July 28. Both groups will be joined by their respective chaperones and will stay in homes of volunteer families on Saipan.

The KSKK has 10 students with one female chaperon, while Sanpoen, which will hold a memorial service as part of their annual visit to the island, will have 20 students and eight chaperones.

KSKK members will be picked up at the airport by their respective homestay families and will meet with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang the following day, July 27, at 9:15am. They will spend

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By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

MCS Drama Camp fosters creativity

Mt. Carmel School's summer drama camp is the epitome of creativity in the classroom. Over 40 students who enrolled this year are being introduced to aspects of drama and film by their camp counselors and school president Galvin De-

leon Guerrero, who is also a longtime filmmaker.

From costumes and set designs to book acting and cinematography, the school was able to host the camp with a grant from the CNMI Depart-

ment of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care and Development Fund Program.

"This has been really fun. I learned a lot of tips on how to be a good actress," 12-year-old Kiana Propst told *Saipan Tribune*. "My favorite part has been learning about costume and set designing. It is very interesting to see how much time and work goes into each set and costume."

Fellow camper Talia Boscago said that she joined the program for the second time this summer because she

wanted to learn more about cinematography. "They taught us how you could use angles and shots to zoom in and out. I was also interested in costume and set design because it involves a lot of colors and makes our minds more creative," she added.

One of their biggest projects this summer involved stop-motion video shorts with toy Lego pieces. According to Guerrero, there is a high de-

mand for students to let out their creativity.

"Our theatre club is known for putting on plays, musicals, and films so we thought we'd build on that strength. I also think that it is really important that we harness students' creativity as well," he added.

With a number of summer camps ongoing, Guerrero noted that having a program that harnesses students' creativity is important. He said, "Being

physically active is very important, and there's a lot of other camps that do that, and we also keep our kids physically active, but in the summer there's not really much things to do by the way of creativity. That's why we do this."

The drama camp students will showcase their work in a *Star Wars*-themed fan film festival at Hollywood Theaters on July 29, 2016, at 10am with a \$5 admission fee. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit www.mountcarmel-saipan.com.



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Students and camp counselors shoot a segment of one of three short films, which will air on July 29, 2016 at Hollywood Theaters.



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Probable cause found on all eight charges against CUC staff

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found probable cause to eight charges filed against a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew who allegedly burglarized the house of attorney Bruce Berline, stole a CUC vehicle, and ended up colliding with a police car, injuring a police officer during a high-speed chase in Papago.

At a preliminary hearing on Wednesday afternoon, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of burglary, theft, theft of vehicle, resisting arrest, two counts of criminal mischief, reckless driving, and eluding police officer were committed and that Cabrera may have committed the offenses.

Camacho ordered the 38-year-old Cabrera to answer the charges.

The eight charges carry a maximum penalty of 11 years imprisonment.

Arraignment will be on July 25 at 9am. Cabrera, also known as Ninja, was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections after the hearing. A \$20,000 cash bail was imposed on him.

Assistant attorneys general Betsy Weintraub and Jonathan Robert Glass Jr. appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit served as counsel for Cabrera.

The prosecution called to the witness stand Police Officer Norris Kwon who narrated to the court the circumstances of their investigation that led to Cabrera's arrest.

Sources said Police Officer Rudolfo Hermosilla, who served the arrest warrant on Cabrera, was injured in the left hand during the collision.

The police car sustained extensive damage to the front hood, bumper, headlamp, parking light, and engine area, while the CUC truck sustained damage to the rear bumper, ac-

cording to the information.

Berline lost his brown Timberland Hudson commuter leather wallet worth \$9.50, \$150 to \$300 in cash, CNMI driver's license, blue Citi Bank credit card, an American Express Gold Delta Sky Miles credit card, a First Hawaiian Bank credit card, a Smiles card, a Shell rewards card, and a Subway card.

Police Detective Jesus K. Wabol stated in his report that last July 3 at 9:23am, a police officer responded to a burglary incident at the house of Berline in Puerto Rico.

Wabol said investigation showed that on July 3 at 7:30am, Berline was looking for his wallet, which he placed on the dining table, but was no longer there.

Upon reviewing the surveillance equipment at the house, the footage showed a man climbing in through Berline's living room window at 6:27am and stealing the wallet from the dinner table.

The suspect then climbed back on the same window at 6:28am.

After seeing the footage, Berline went to his neighbor, who identified the person climbing the house and stealing his wallet as Cabrera.

Cabrera at that time was wearing a black T-shirt with "Ninja" clearly visible on front portion of it.

Wabol said that last July 10, a former police officer identified the person in the footage as his half-brother Cabrera.

Last July 14, police officers were hunting down Cabrera to serve the arrest warrant in connection with the Puerto Rico burglary incident.

Police spotted the defendant driving the stolen CUC truck, but Cabrera allegedly eluded police officers and during the chase, ended up colliding the truck with the police car driven by officer Hermosilla.

Cabrera allegedly struggled with police officers to break free and refused to be handcuffed.

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Mother Sun

By PHIL YORIO

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

With an expected 7 billion years left on the lifespan of our sun why are we conserving energy. I have heard too many times from people that I have met while living in Guam and Saipan and traveling through other island nations that we are trying to conserve energy. Every time I meet a potential customer the first thing I ask them when I review their energy bill is by using this many kilowatt hours is this the way you would normally live or are you trying to conserve energy, usually every answer is they are trying to conserve energy.

The mother who wants to bake more but won't because of the energy bills, the older couple on a fixed income who will not run the air conditioner more than six hours a day,

the family who showers with cold water because they will not spend the extra money to turn on the hot water heater. We have an infinite power resource that rises every day and sets every night. Couple this system with a battery system and now you have harnessed that energy source to get you through the night until that resource rises again in the morning.

Everyone is trying to conserve energy when in reality we have an overabundance of energy and we always will. What we need to be focusing on is not conserving energy delivered by fossil fuel generation but using the technology that is now becoming mainstream to harness this infinite resource so we have cheaper, clean, reliable, efficient, and carbon neutral energy for life.

With battery storage systems now becoming mainstream even in a power outage or storm we will still have this power to use freely enabling



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us to live comfortably without the utilities energy. When God said in Genesis let there be light, he wasn't kidding, he gave us more than just light he gave us an infinite amount of clean energy to use and now has given us the technology to harness this energy. The time to purchase a solar energy system or get on a power purchase program is now, let the experts show you how to harness the power of the sun and get aboard the solar energy revolution benefitting from this incredible power resource.

GVB hosts Håfa Adai Pledge ceremony for local musicians, artists



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From left, Nate Denight, Guam Visitors Bureau president and CEO; Francis McJohn, John Tyquiangco, Danton Cruz, and Paolo Cruz from The John Dank Show; Rachael Esteves, Susana Wusstig, Tia Taitingfong, Megan Volsteadt and Sabrina Borja from The Dolls; and Pilar Laguana, GVB's director of Global Marketing.

Guam Visitors Bureau hosted a special Håfa Adai Pledge ceremony on the beach to recognize Guam's talented local musicians and artists who took part in the opening weekend of the Guam Summer Beach Fest last Saturday, July 16, at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach) in Tumon.

GVB welcomed The John Dank Show, a progressive rock reggae band that culminated their four-week U.S. cities tour with their performance at the Guam Summer Beach Fest, and The Dolls, an all-female Pop/Hip Hop band that wrote the original Guam Summer Beach Fest song Hot,

Hot, Hot (For You) as the program's newest members.

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is the cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local community branding campaign. In its seventh year, the Håfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily in the number of participants as well as the commitment of individual pledges. In March of 2016, GVB reached a significant milestone, welcoming its 600th pledge, representing more than 32,500 individuals from private businesses, government agencies, non-profits and other organizations that have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program. (PR)





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EDITORIAL

Dallas police officer goes the extra mile

The tactic known as community policing has peppered countless news articles complimenting Dallas law enforcement since the city's deadly July 7 ambush.

But allow us this one more example, albeit an unusual one, of how the relationship-building police strategy works.

At its core, community policing is a meeting of the mind — and heart — between a police officer and constituent. Even if that constituent lives more than 1,000 miles away.

Cleveland Browns running back Isaiah Crowell was upset and angry after videos surfaced earlier this month of police shootings of African-American men in Baton Rouge and suburban Minneapolis. In a decision he quickly regretted, Crowell posted on Instagram a gruesome drawing of a man, hooded and dressed all in black, slitting the throat of a police officer.

Although Crowell pulled the post down, the damage was done; the image was saved and circulated throughout social media. Amid withering criticism, Crowell apologized and pledged to donate his first game check in the fall — about \$35,000 — to the Dallas Fallen Officer Foundation.

Dallas police Sgt. Demetrick Pennie, the foundation's president, was thoroughly disgusted by Crowell's post. But in that hateful illustration, he also saw opportunity.

He didn't need Crowell's money, but he did want the chance to educate him.

In a lengthy Facebook post Monday, Pennie wrote that Crowell's action represented "a disconnect in understanding that has existed between the police and many in the black community."

Pennie invited Crowell to accompany him to one of the funerals for the five Dallas police officers. And he suggested they set aside plenty of time to talk while Crowell was in town.

It must have taken a lot of courage for Crowell to get on that plane to Texas, knowing he would be surrounded by members of the very profession he had condemned.

Pennie probably wasn't overstating it by much when he said the visit was somewhat like Daniel entering the lion's den. "But by the grace of God, he was accepted with open arms," Pennie wrote.

Once the sharing began, the football player realized he and Pennie had much in common, including growing up in inner-city environments. They talked for hours, as Crowell did with other law enforcement members while in Fort Worth for the funeral of slain Dallas police officer Patrick Zamarripa.

Pennie characterized the discussions as the truest expression of community policing: "This marked the beginning of an open dialogue where greater understanding for policing culture could be obtained."

Just as we salute Pennie for his outreach, we join him in commending Crowell for "the courage of principled accountability."

And we marvel at these words from the Dallas cop and foundation president who cut through the hateful noise and reached out to Crowell:

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The Queenfisher

It took a month to finish my inventory at William S. Reyes Elementary School where I sub-taught Grade One for more than two months until the end of term.

It was not really that difficult save extenuating circumstances like an aborted trip to China upset the timetable, a restful interlude at a San Isidro beachfront only to awaken to the reality of thieves at CK, the prolonged paperwork requirement at a low-income housing, and the collapse of a tooth bridge that needed to be replaced to the tune of a fifth of my yearly income. And that was just for starters!

It was quite an experience catching the young ones at the gate of learning, directing them to the grasp the learning process itself, and make it their own rather than growing up reliant to someone else's expertise, though evidently, the young were taught to follow "role models" as if they were not adequately equipped to undertake their own journey.

Even at Grade 1, they are already programmed to seek the "lead" position, be the first on line, and the top learners in a class are already spoiled to be "praised" at every turn (and pout when they don't, or worst, be in quiet rebellion), followed by peers to receive awards of frame-able certificates of recognition. My, we sure get them marching on the front lines early.

The male of the specie has an advantage on the front lines, reflective of the present patriarchal ethos in spite of Micronesia being traditionally matriarchal. That is probably why, early on, I wanted to mosey over to the T-shirt maker and get me a shirt emblazoned with "I am a Queenfisher" to counter the "home of the Kingfisher" ones promoted by the school.

"Queen" used to be "queer," not a very pleasant term among the machos, with the recognition and ascendancy of the LGBT community into their proper roles within the community, being a queen is no longer a disdain, and we even have respectable beauty contests of "queens in the lanes."

Some liberal old-timers would not mind the effeminate to stay in the beauty salon, and the dudely sport keep their shirts manly and their bras incognito, but we are now referring beyond the stereotypes of some of the 20 percent amongst us born that way. It is when public acceptance goes into the institution of marriage and the etiquette of the bedroom that we grow squeamish.

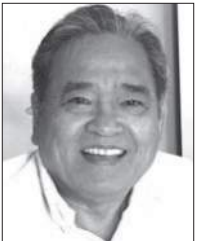
Being "macho" has always been a preferred social style since Española brought the Mediterranean image to our shores. The Catholic Church venerates Mother Mary, but the Reformed tradition is strictly male—assertive and often brutish. The U.S. Marines where not short of sergeants who exemplified the style.

Brothers John and Charles Wesley tried to serve the social low cast, but they did not fair well in the U.S. Southeast, nor did George Whitefield in England, and it was not until Imperial America went to the ends of the Earth that the Methodist

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Episcopalian and low-Church tradition fueled by Asbury and his "missionaries" merged the two into the requirements of the Empire. Along with Churches, they started newspapers and build schools, clinics, and hospitals, which later preceded public education and health services.

With the preeminence of the macho ethos, the queenfisher does come as a fresh wind of relief. My queen is more brightly fashioned and resplendent in color, at least, in my mind, fitting well in a Jamaican/Caribbean setting!

Unfortunately, our pedagogical prowess was not required long-term at WSR so the Queenfisher T-shirt will probably not materialize any time soon.

The female breeding queen ants, lord it over the complex social colony of an anthill with the bite more stingy than the machos. When fertile, have wings and are very industrious, though that is not to their favor in my dwelling; they swarm just after sundown around the kitchen and bathroom lights. I really do not know where they come from since I live on the 7th floor of one of Saipan's two new premier dwellings, and being near the seashore, one would think that the anthills are further inland. Between the swatter and the flying ant, we war!

The Queen ants are real but the Queenfisher is in my imagination as the vocabulary has yet to catch up with gender equality, and certainly, the female fealty at WSR is all on the Kingfisher bar none.

Once I got a card that said, "Congratulations, you were born." Quite true, as it is of every child in the classroom and every human heretofore yet to be born. At the hour of conception, one was already a winner (minimum odds are 1 out of 200 million) and free.

I was charged to teach how my class, regardless of race, gender, or religion, can discover the wonderful tool they are born with, a nervous system that can sense, feel, and think. Queen or King, the truth remains that each human is born a "unique, unrepeatable gift of life into human history, no one like him/her before, and never like him/her ever again." Their job is not to be first; they already are one of a kind.

They (we) all just have to live who we are, Queen!

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East meets West and Leibniz

Saipan doesn't have a monopoly on meshing East with West, so today I'm going to turn a gimlet eye to ye olde Europe for this gig. And here we make the acquaintance of one of the most famous mathematicians in history, a German, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716).

Despite his fame in intellectual circles, I don't think that history has been sufficiently generous to Leibniz. His legacy, at least in broad terms, has been eclipsed by the Englishman Isaac Newton (1642-1727). Well, Newton is one of history's greatest luminaries, that's for sure. Newton is the name associated with classic physics, and among other accomplishments, he calculated the orbits of the planets with a surprising degree of accuracy (it took Einstein to refine it), he invented the reflecting telescope, and, not so incidentally, he's credited with inventing calculus.

Ah, calculus. Inventing it is quite the resume builder. As it turns out, though, Leibniz was developing calculus at the same time that Newton was. So these two geniuses were independently following the same path. As for who got there first, and as for who published what and when, well, that's a subject for historians to ponder.

As for the calculus itself, I always regarded Leibniz's form of notation superior to Newton's, at least for the stuff I did. So I guess I've always had a soft spot for Leibniz and felt he was a bit under-appreciated.

He was, in fact, utterly ridiculed in one case. This facet of his legacy endures as a character named Professor Pangloss in a book entitled *Candide*. Pangloss is an absurd figure in this bitingly dark novel because he's overly optimistic, saying, even in the most dire of situations, that he and other victims of circum-

stance were living in the best of all possible worlds. *Candide* was no one-hit wonder. Though it came out in 1759, it's still easily available and it's still being discussed in college coffee houses.

This whole Pangloss thing was rooted in the reaction to some of Leibniz's writing of the philosophical variety. I've never bothered to follow this trail. But I did notice that Leibniz wrote about how nature's path is, sort of by definition, optimal. Or that's what I think he was saying.

Here's the quote: "...It is most clearly understood that among the infinite combinations of possibles and possible series, that one actually exists by which the most of essence or of possibility is brought into existence. And indeed there is always in things a principle of determination which is based on consideration of maximum and minimum, such that the greatest effect is obtained with the least, so to speak, expenditure. ..."

Two things struck me about this. The first thing is that this sounds very much like a mathematician, since math, including calculus, is very much concerned with concepts such as maximum, minimum and optimum. OK, he doesn't actually say the word "optimum" here, but the term "greatest effect" is close enough.

The second thing that struck me was that this notion seemed very Eastern. Couched in this optimality is the concept of nature taking the path of least resistance, which is to say, the way of highest efficiency, sort of like water smoothly flowing down hill and around obstacles.

Well, as it turns out, Leibniz did, indeed, give some of his attention to the ways of the East. The Web has a photo of what is said to be a document owned by Leibniz, and this document is an array of Chinese characters and symbols rooted in an ancient

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Chinese work called the I Ching (also called the Yi Jing).

With that in mind, you can probably manage to get a glance at a South Korean flag on Saipan, and, if you do, you'll notice that arrayed around the center image of the flag are four groups of black lines. Each group is a set of three lines, and each line is either unbroken or broken. These symbols are from the I Ching.

Since the I Ching symbology is comprised of combinations of just two symbols (broken line or unbroken line), it's essentially a binary system. Binary systems are also what computers run on. Given that the I Ching is something like 3,000 years old, it's certainly ahead of its time in this regard.

And Leibniz, for his part, was way ahead of his time, too. He's credited with inventing a conceptual forerunner to the computer, a mechanical "math machine" that could perform multiplication.

Would you like to know another interesting fact about Leibniz? Well, I would, too, but I've just told you everything I know about the guy.

So we'll have to end things here. We'll conclude with one thought: Leibniz serves as an example of how Eastern and Western thought can come together in seemingly unlikely places.

Collapse of common lingo

When simple villagers speak, they do so in straightforward fashion, expressions one could use to gauge the pulse of the community on issues it faces daily. I've made it a point to listen to eye-level expressions. The depth of their views is in their faces and voices.

It isn't surprising the collapse in lingo between villagers and their elected representatives. It highlights failed promises to help families muddle through thick and thin. Appalling the redundancy turned into an art treated by politicians as non-issues. No constructive policies at all!

The folks just unloaded talking about joblessness, the benefits of federal assistance amidst the deepening economic depression, hopelessness and a dim view of the future. And they instantly point to imperial Capital Hill asking: What are they doing?

Stagnant salaries: These folks had to weather family obligations like home mortgage, family car, health and life insurance drowning in over 20 years of stagnant wages and salaries. Piled atop this hardship is the skyrocketing cost of basic goods throughout the same period.

For employees earning federal poverty income level salaries the battle is much harder to overcome on a daily basis. Paying for the first family home is one huge hurdle. Families engage in insanity—counting the same amount in the family pocketbooks—hoping for different results. None!

For reasons they only understand, most would skip measly salary increases just to hold unto their monthly food stamps assistance. Going beyond the threshold spells disaster for families who have no other means cushioning the loss in federal entitlement benefits. I mapped their expenses just to seek clarity what

they would have lost if they pass the threshold level.

Ugly history: The hardship didn't spin out of thin air. It has had a long history of misguided and failed policies and lack of real leadership to do the right things by doing them right. After 40 years of self-government you wonder why would we claim it then ruin most of it along the way.

Contradiction: How interesting an informed citizen explaining the net effect of the NMI adopting the policy suppressing salaries on trade jobs yet it preaches training in trade and vocational schools. "If I know I'd get pay below minimum wage why should I engage in skills acquisition?" Makes sense, huh?

A powerful observation we've taken for granted including ignoring the end of CW workers that has landed the NMI in the filthy swamp of serious labor shortage. Aren't there 29 legislators and two clowns across the street? Did anybody catch this institutional policy defect?

Evacuation: Is it any wonder that our U.S. Department of Labor certified people in the trades have evacuated to Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland where salaries are way higher? Why did we create a hellish hole for these folks then encourage them to come home and help the NMI with dirt-cheap salaries? Have any of them actually returned or are they showing their middle finger for a screwed up policy that chased them away from home in the first place?

Exploitation: This policy also adversely affected CW workers in their subtle exploitation by employers. You took advantage paying them below minimum wage salaries because they needed the jobs and won't register complaints of servility and inequality. It's the perfect example of killing two birds with a single stone: CW and local workers! And we quietly applaud ourselves for tiptoeing a policy all these years, sadly, to our own demise. Never saw this coming, huh?

CUC going broke! I've also kept my ears to the ground listening to the steady march of CUC into bankruptcy cliff. It boils down to a breakdown of communication among board members where 99 percent are drowning in the filth of serious reading deficiency. Without an understanding of technical material no wonder it resorts to firing anything that is white! Is there a reason singling out white employees? Or is it a coincidence CUC now practices reverse discrimination? How would the feds react when we next seek CIP funds from Washington?

'Conomy lai: The impending economic disaster from im-

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migration is sufficient a warning that the NMI tightens its belt. It would take a fully rounded chief navigator to sail our canoe to safe port somewhere. We're headed into a fatal economic superstorm!

Guarding taxpayers: It's unpleasant calling out fiduciary failure as a result of the obvious lack of leadership. But this is the role of journalists/writers who live to see and dispose of events as they unfold. I'm not out to prove anything but definitely seeking to understand issues by getting to the truth.

Poking your grand sense of *mañana* comes with the territory. Eh, did you forget that taxpayers pay over \$6 million per year for a bicameral legislature and over \$90 million annually for executive branch excesses? As an incumbent, what's your performance like?

Royal misfits: Indeed, I fully understand the carelessly lazy attitude among public sector employees of nearly 3,000 who think their jobs grant them the spoiler's rights. Sure, it may be a given on a few instances.

But when you're collecting biweekly loots from taxes we pay while we literally struggle to make ends meet, we have every right to question your performance. Make no mistake we would raise our voices to protest ill dispositions and it comes from "we the people."

As NMI disintegrates

The seesaw swing of the local economy would eventually disintegrate beyond the NMI's wildest imaginings. The occasional cheering that it is "looking good" is suspiciously optimistic at best, unachievable at worse.

As the NMI collects its few and suspect new marbles, the background in the piles of debts can't be ignored. I could only hang unto the shredded skirt of hope to reset my sights on the future. Pessimistic!

DALLAS

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"As leaders in the police community, it is our duty to establish and maintain the public trust. We in the Dallas Police Department are hurting and now it is time to start the healing process by creating greater understanding in the community. My interactions with Mr. Crowell demonstrates that mutual understanding is possible as long as both parties are willing to listen."

What better starting point for this all of us than that?

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

▲90° ▼80°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.

▲90° ▼80°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

MONDAY

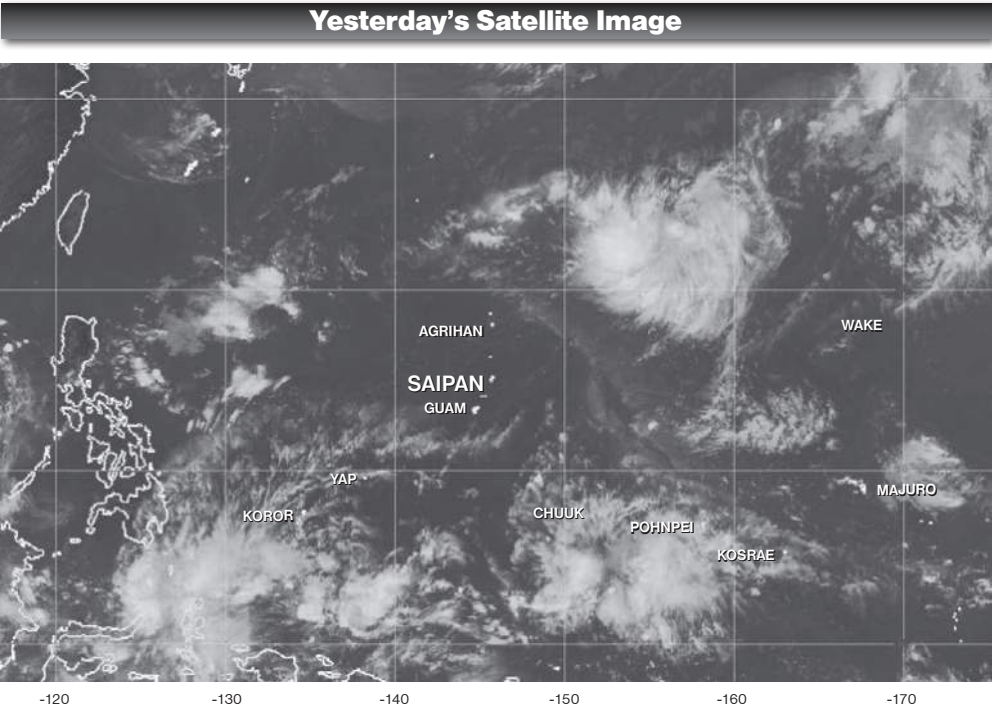
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TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front extends southwestward from north of Wake island across 26N168E through a low pressure system centered near minami Tori Shima at 25N158E to another one centered east of IWO to island at 24N148E, then becomes a surface trough to end near 15N132E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near the front and low pressure systems north of a line from 17N153E to 18N160E to 25N173E. Scattered showers are found north of the trough within 100 miles of a line from 19N130E to 22N135E to 25N137E. Converging surface winds are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror and Yap, south of a line from 4N130E to 6N137E to 1N149E. A few thunderstorms are present near Butaritari and Tarawa atolls within 45 miles of a line from 3N171E to 4N175E to 3N179E. A surface trough curves northwestward from EQ155E to end north of Chuuk at 15N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Chuuk and Pohnpei between 3N and 9N from 151E to 160E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia ▼ ▲		
Guam And Rota	Sunny	81 / 92 °F
Palau	Partly cloudy	76 / 87 °F
Yap	Sunny	76 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	78 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	84 / 87 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	83 / 87 °F

Around the Globe ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	44 / 57 °F
Beijing	Showers	73 / 88 °F
Hong Kong	Sunny	82 / 92 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	75 / 82 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	67 / 76 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	68 / 92 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	81 / 94 °F
Melbourne	Mostly cloudy	51 / 62 °F
Miami	Scattered thunderstorms	81 / 88 °F
New York	Partly sunny	76 / 92 °F
Osaka	Showers	72 / 91 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	64 / 78 °F
Pusan	Sunny	72 / 83 °F
Rome	Morning clouds	65 / 93 °F
Salem	Light showers	58 / 74 °F
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8:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.92 Feet
3:32 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.29 Feet
10:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:37 PM	7:45 AM
Saturday	9:24 PM	8:41 AM
Sunday	10:10 PM	9:37 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily		
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily		
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM			PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7		
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4			UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM		
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM			PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM		
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR			UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM								
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM								
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR								
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
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UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM			UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7								

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

Hawaii Democratic congressman Mark Takai dies

HONOLULU (AP)—U.S. Rep. Mark Takai, a war veteran and long-time legislator known for his bright nature and deep commitment to service, died in his home after a months-long battle with cancer.

Just 49 years old, the first-term Democrat from Hawaii was surrounded by family when he died of pancreatic cancer Wednesday, said Rod Tanonaka, Takai's chief of staff.

Takai had "a servant's heart, full of aloha," said U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who served with Takai in Congress, the Hawaii Army National Guard and the state Legislature.

"No matter where he was, he always kept his service to Hawaii's people at the forefront of his actions," Gabbard said. "Mark's smiling face and ready laugh will truly be missed, but the impact that he made through his life of service to the people of Hawaii will always be remembered."

Born on Oahu, Takai served in the state House of Representatives for 20 years before he was elected to Congress, first winning his statehouse seat at age 27. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard for more than a decade and was deployed to the Middle East as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In Congress, he sat on the Armed Services and Natural Resources committees.

"Mark was always a fighter," said President Barack Obama, who recorded a radio ad for Takai during his congressional campaign, in a statement.

"His relentless push for cancer research inspired countless Americans fighting the same battle as him. Simply put, our country is better off because of Mark's contributions," Obama added.

Takai was first diagnosed with cancer in October and initially expressed optimism that he would recover. But in May he announced he would not seek re-election after he learned the cancer had spread.

Takai's passing was mourned among his colleagues in Hawaii and Washington on Wednesday, with politicians recalling his gentle, kind nature.

"All of us were moved when he announced his cancer to Vice President Biden and the Members at the House Democrats' Issues Conference earlier this year," said Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, in a statement. "Mark confronted his diagnosis with the spirit we all hope we would share when facing such an awful disease. As we mourn the loss of our friend, we draw fresh resolve to find cures."

Adm. Harry Harris of the U.S. Pacific Command described Takai as a powerful

and respected voice for the Pacific-based military community, adding that Takai was a "tough, but fair, questioner who always had our nation's interests at heart" when Harris testified before the Armed Services Committee.

"Mark was everything a public servant should be," said presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in a statement, adding that Takai fought to support veterans and their families, supported ambitious steps to protect the planet from the perils of climate change and

championed the rights of the Asian American, Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian communities.

Hawaii Superintendent of Schools Kathryn Matayoshi remembered Takai as a staunch advocate for public schools who pushed tirelessly for education funding.

"In the often tumultuous world of politics, he has been a shining example of what it means to be a public servant," Hawaii Gov. David Ige said in a statement.

Takai is survived by his wife, Sami, and two young

children, Matthew and Kaila. "The Takai family thanks the people of Hawaii for their support during this difficult time," said a release by his office. His family requested privacy.

"This is the deepest of losses and one that I feel very personally because of my friendship with Mark," said U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii. "Throughout his life, he was all about serving the people of Hawaii. He gave so much, and had so much more yet to give."

The Hawaii Office of Elections will likely hold a special

election in November for a replacement to serve through the remainder of Takai's term, which would have ended in January, spokeswoman Nedielyn Bueno said. In the same election, voters will also choose who will replace Takai for the two-year term starting in January, she said.

Former U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, who previously held Takai's seat in Congress but left to run unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate, is already running in the general election to replace Takai for the two-year term that starts in January.



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7/24 Sunday Brunch \$22	7/25	7/26 Seafood & Sushi Night Reg.: \$35 (Local: \$25)	7/27 Buffet Lunch \$14 Seafood & Sushi Night Reg.: \$35 (Local: \$25)	7/28	7/29 Buffet Lunch \$14 Seafood & Sushi Night Reg.: \$35 (Local: \$25)	7/30 Seafood & Sushi Night Reg.: \$35 (Local: \$25)
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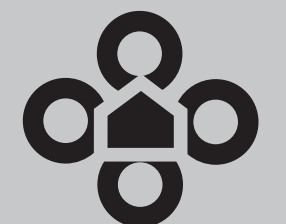
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"What I love about the car is that it is going to match my busy schedule and help me get in and out of places with ease and dependabil-

ity," smiled Quitugua.

With a large sticker of Miss Marianas on the doors, Triple J Motors logo and Stellar Marianas, the islands' nonprofit pageant and talent organization logo on the side, Triple J Motors generously donated one year use of the brand new 2016 Hyundai Accent for the queen's official business serving the community.

"Triple J Motors is a won-

derful, strong, and active community partner and we are grateful for their continued generosity over the years—they are a stellar example of a business with the heart of the community in mind," Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer says.

Triple J Motors has been the official car sponsor for the islands' ambassadors to the world for over 20 years.

"We chose the 2016 Hyundai Accent as the perfect car for a busy young queen as it is great on gas mileage, has large trunk space, and comfortable interior," said Triple J Motors Marketing manager Iliana Pacheco.

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For more information on Stellar Marianas and upcoming activities, please visit www.facebook.com/stellar-marianas. (PR)

Judiciary current on court interpreters' payments

Recently, concerns have been raised over the delayed payments of court interpreters' fees. The Superior Court's Office of the Clerk of Court reviewed the records and found that the court is current on its payments except for the interpreters who have not submitted their billings.

"Once an interpreter submits a bill to us, the turnaround time for payment is about 15 days. We endeavor to pay all accurately rendered invoices as promptly as possible," said Clerk of Court Patrick V. Diaz. "We will contact each of our interpreters to verify whether some invoices fell through the cracks and, if so, they will be addressed immediately."

"Interpreters are an integral part of our judiciary, and we value their services. For that reason, when we became aware of such concerns, we

looked into our records immediately to make sure we pay the interpreters promptly," added Diaz.

The judiciary has been making efforts to increase the hourly rates for interpreters and court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants. The annual appropriation for the judiciary is severely inadequate for increased interpreters hourly fees, as well as court-appointed counsel fees. For fiscal year 2017, the Judiciary, with the support of the CNMI Bar Association, submitted a repeated request to increase professional services budget.

"I will be meeting with the interpreters directly in the coming weeks. I want to hear and address any concerns they might have about their services with the court," said Diaz. (PR)



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Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele hands over the keys to a brand new 2016 Hyundai Accent to 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua for her official one-year use for community services.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B AND H REPAIRS, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-79/83.**

One original and four copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of milling of the existing asphalt pavement, application of tack coat, asphalt paving, replacement of taxiway edge lights and pavement markings, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 180 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without justification.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at **10:00 am, Monday, July 25, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, JULY 29, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the renovation of the existing ARFF Building, replacing the main ARFF bay roof, addition of a new observation tower with restroom and miscellaneous repairs all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item 6-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item 6-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, **Rota Port Manager's Office** at 10:00 am, July 15, 2016 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: June 28, 2016



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military exercises at W-517

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon south of Guam from July 25 to 27, 12pm-10pm.

The general location of this activity will be at W-517 irregular poly-gon south of Guam comprising southwest into international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, acting governor Victor B. Hocog is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. **(PR)**

NMPASI closed on July 25

Northern Marianas Protec-

tion & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) will be closed on Monday July 25, 2016 from 1pm to 5pm. We will be open from 8am to 1pm that same day. Normal working hours (8am to 5pm) will resume Tuesday July 26, 2016. Thank you very much and we apologize for the inconvenience. **(PR)**

JKPL offering Chamorro language classes

Are you interested in learning the basics of Chamorro? Or do you speak Chamorro or understand Chamorro, and just want to practice your Chamorro language skills?

Well, CNMI Motherhead/Fatheread Family Literacy Program is pleased to offer a free Beginner's Chamorro Literacy Class held at your friendly Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this summer!

Read and borrow books translated into Chamorro from our award-winning Motherhead/Fatheread curriculum. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for the month of July from 5pm to 6pm.

Please call 235-7319/783-7678/285-9666 or email us at cnmimotheread@gmail.com and sign up today. **(PR)**

SSHS orientation on Aug. 9 and 10

Saipan Southern High

School's orientation dates for new and returning students will be on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, 1:30 pm or Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1:30pm. **(PR)**

KHS is accepting ongoing registration for SY16-17

Kagman High School is reminding parents and guardians of students who plan to enroll at the school to please ensure your schedule is secure and to register no later than July 8, 2016.

Registered student schedules will be made available at the orientations:

■ Freshman orientation on Aug. 11, 1pm at KHS café

■ Sophomore orientation on Aug. 11, 2:30pm at KHS café

■ Junior orientation on Aug. 12, 1pm at KHS café

■ Senior orientation on Aug. 12, 2:30pm at KHS café

School opens on Aug. 15, 2016! Enjoy your summer!

KHS reminds parents and guardians of students that you won't get your schedule until you complete your registration.

So far, incoming 9th graders only 25 have registered, while out of 188 10th graders only 29 have registered. KHS also said that out of 165 11th graders only 30 have registered and out of 121 12th graders only 27 have registered. **(PR)**

Did you know that 2 turtles satellite tagged in 2011 have returned 5 years later to nest on Saipan beaches?

One named "Limwamway" was tagged by Kagman High School Marine Biology Club members & the other named "Magas" by Rota High School students. These two turtle's tracks have taught us where CNMI turtles travel after they nest (Japan & Philippines) and how long their remigration intervals extend (5 years). Please help us protect these important turtle teachers!



To report sick, injured, dead or disoriented turtles please call our stranding hotline at **287-8537 (C-TRTLES)**

CNMI turtles are a shared community resource connecting our people's past with our people's future. Help us to conserve sea turtles so future generations may be able to enjoy them also.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Judiciary Administrative Office
Guma' Hustisia · Iimwal Aweewe · House of Justice
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

DEPUTY CLERK I
Office of the Clerk of Court
Superior Court
SAIPAN

DUTIES: This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Receives, reviews, and records documents filed for hearings;
- Provides data entry of pleadings onto the court's case management system;
- Provides daily updates of pleadings and other caseload information for the assigned judge through the court's automated processes, including, but not limited to, the document imaging and online filing system;
- Assesses fines, receives and accounts for monies, issues receipts, prepares deposit slips and provides disbursements per court order or requests from customer service window;
- Prepares and maintains physical and electronic file folders for court cases, including tracking of all pleadings associated with individual cases files;
- Serves as a courtroom clerk when court hearings are in session, including, but not limited to, swearing in of witnesses, logging of all admitted exhibits, tracking all phases of a hearing on an index sheet for the recording counter, operating the electronic recording equipment, and providing continuous monitoring of the recording equipment to ensure the integrity of the record; and,
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus a minimum of three (3) years related work experience. There is a strong preference for those with work experience in the legal field and those with a Bachelor's Degree. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary will be \$20,485 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at OPM offices in the CNMI, the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165
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This job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>.

THE CNMI JUDICIARY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-16-IFB-019

NATIVO ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Nativo Road and Drainage Improvement Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 22, 2016** at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 11, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 23, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-16-IFB-019**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticm.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 26, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 7, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 8, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **August 26, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLON
Director of Procurement & Supply

NMTI seeks SHEFA funding for students

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute on Tuesday, July 19, met with officials from the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Program seeking eligibility for its students.

SHEFA at present only funds eligible NMTI students under the "Construction Trades." NMTI is actively seeking for the inclusion of its other programs namely the "Hotel & Restaurant Operations and Culinary Arts," which are quickly becoming its highest educational offerings of interest among CNMI residents.

NMTI touts that its Hotel & Restaurant Operations courses follow the established curriculum set forth by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI). The hospitality institute is internationally renowned for building employee skills from entry level positions through management positions within the hotel industry. NMTI asks residents to research it online themselves as it's listed among the likes of familiar institutions as Kapiolani Community College (KCC) and Guam Community Col-



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Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Program board chair Oscar Babauta and Northern Marianas Trades Institute chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres discuss SHEFA extending eligibility to more students of the trades school.

lege (GCC).

Agnes McPhetres, chief executive officer, said, "We are preparing students to enter the job market. This requires a concerted effort on the part of both the private and public sectors. Trainees are being equipped with skills that employers need, yet this comes at a cost and this must be under-

stood at all facets of the educational system."

The school continues to reiterate its stance, that a vocational education is costlier than regular academic course offerings. NMTI cited that a single culinary arts student costs the institute over \$2,000 in associated expenses. The expenses include the con-

sumable cooking materials being used as part of their practicum. McPhetres further stated, "Hands on learning is key in this endeavor. Wouldn't you want your staff to have actual experience and not just basic theory? Our institute focuses on the CNMI's current workforce needs, thus warranting an investment on

SHEFA's side. The funds invested in our students stays in the local economy, so it's a win, win situation for the community."

NMTI is thankful that SHEFA has taken a proactive approach and is considering its case carefully, by affording us this meeting. As the CNMI's workforce needs are constantly evolving, so must the programs that compliment them. Many may not know this but, GCC started as Guam Trades School and evolved along with its community's needs, eventually gaining accreditation as a junior college. Today, GCC is a pillar in the community that serves the various industries that need trained individuals. As with GCC's situation, NMTI is gearing up for such growth, according to McPhetres. (PR)

BSI's 'School Pride Project' to help prepare for school year opening

This week, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Corporate Social Responsibility team launched their latest self-initiated School Pride Project and to take on every opportunity that will help various public schools ring in the new school year with a new and improved look.

This new project reflects the same intent to that of the pioneering Village Pride Project. Its immediate success on Saipan was replicated throughout Tinian and Rota.

BSI's CSR team hopes to encourage young students and school personnel to continue to take the lead in preserving the beauty of the islands, beginning with the maintaining a clean and healthy school environment.

The School Pride Project facilitates several activities that include maintenance, repair, and restoration of school facilities and structures throughout the island. Headed by CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz, Best Sunshine's Corporate Social Responsibility department will be going into several schools throughout the island to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Best Sunshine's CSR team has already made a huge impact in the school community throughout the summer by revamping both Marianas High School in preparation for their 2016 graduation cer-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Corporate Social Responsibility staff transfers file cabinets and furniture in preparation for the new school year.



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BSI-CSR staff load to transport old desks and furniture out of a building of San Antonio Middle School that sustained damaged from typhoon Soudelor.

emony and Saipan Southern High School, the site of the 40th Pacific Circle Consortium that the CNMI hosted

for the first time.

"The school-wide project in which CSR is undertaking is really to collaborate with dif-

ferent schools and assist them in preparing for the opening of the 2016-2017 school year. Although these schools have claimed damage from Typhoon Soudelor through the FEMA public assistance program, there are many other items that we as the community can assist our schools in preparation of welcoming our children back-to-school," Dela Cruz said.

To kick off the School Pride Project, the BSI-CSR team has reached out to San Antonio Middle School and has spent this week assisting the school with the removal of furniture from a condemned building; disposal of leftover debris and green waste; and repainting the school's parking stalls.

"We are really grateful to have that kind of help and outreach from Best Sunshine. We are short-staffed this summer so it's been really great help for us," said Carla Sablan, vice principal of San Antonio Middle School. "We asked if they could help move furniture, get rid of trees that were cut down, mowing of the lawn, and retouch up the paint in the parking lot."

Sablan also adds, "I really appreciate that kind of outreach to the schools because it's something that we usually struggle with in the summer because everyone is out. I think it's a really big help." (PR)

NMC to offer additional IT Boot Camp Training Program

As part of its ongoing efforts to offer workforce enhancement programs, Northern Marianas College is offering an additional IT Boot Camp Training Program to allow more participants to have an opportunity to advance their way toward an IT certification. The additional course will run from Aug. 1 to 12, 2016.

Upon completing the program, participants will be able to prove in practice their command of technology and leverage it to make any organization more technologically proficient and operationally efficient.

With the successful completion of this 40-contact hour course for CompTIA Network+ Certification, students will be able to:

- Compare the layers of the OSI and TCP/IP models, install and configure routers and switches
- Configure wireless network, troubleshoot network devices
- Configure and implement SOHO network, identify and install media types
- Troubleshoot physical connectivity problems and identify LAN technologies
- Perform Network management upgrades and installation, install and configure network security applications
- Describe and understand network access security and encryption
- Describe and understand common threats, vul-

nerabilities and mitigation techniques, Install and configure basic firewalls

Once students successfully complete the program with a CompTIA Certified Instructor, students will receive an NMC Certificate of Completion. The Northern Marianas College is an Academic CompTIA Partner and will provide each student who completes the training with a voucher for the CompTIA IT Certification Exams.

Register today to reserve your slot at the IT Boot Camp Training. The training schedule for the IT Boot Camp Training Course - CompTIA Network+ Certification, students will be able to:

The total cost of the course is \$1,500 per student per class. Each participant will also receive PC/Network toolkits, access to online lab materials, and hands-on training.

For more information, please contact the NMC Community Development Institute at 237-6864/6802/6809. Registration is limited to 20 participants for each course, so register early to reserve your seat. Last day to register for the N+ Trainings will be July 29, 2016. Businesses, government agencies, and individuals are highly encouraged to register. (PR)

Celebrity actress Yuan shoots photo book in CNMI



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Celebrity actress Phoebe Yuan Ai Fei shoots at Tinian Blowhole in June 2016 for her photo book that will be published in September and is anticipated to generate an estimated \$300,000 ad exposure for the Northern Mariana Islands.

Celebrity actress Phoebe Yuan Ai Fei was on Saipan, Tinian and Rota on June 23-27, 2016, for her very first photo book shoot arranged by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Through its Taiwan office, the MVA collaborated with Wonderful International production house on the shoot with the television actress, who has over 430,000 fans on Facebook. The anticipated 60,000 copies of the photo book will be published in late September, bringing an estimated ad exposure value of \$300,000 for the Northern Mariana Islands.

"We appreciate the opportunity of shooting Phoebe's photo book in the three amazing islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota," said Yuan's agent Viki Lin. "We will

select the best of the photos among thousands of them taken, to be published in the upcoming photo book."

The shoot was also covered by a professional team for video and online media exposure.

On Saipan, Yuan filmed aboard the *Grand Mariana* yacht and at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, Marpi, Ladder Beach, and Kili Beach Park. On Tinian, locations were on the main road Broadway, in San Jose village, at the historic Japanese Communication Center, and at Tinian Blowhole. Sites on Rota included the historic Japanese Sugar Mill and Train, Rota Resort & Country Club, Rota Latte Stone Quarry and Rota Swimming Hole. The photo shoot also highlighted Liberation Day festivities, other historical sites, beautiful flame tree scenery, and

significant beaches in the Northern Marianas.

"We were pleased to welcome Miss Yuan to the Northern Mariana Islands for this very special location shoot," said MVA Marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "From what I hear, the outstanding pristine, natural environment of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota again 'wowed' the production team. They also really enjoyed the food and hospitality they experienced while here. This 'star power' coverage will help us get excellent exposure in Taiwan and mainland China."

The group was accompanied by MVA's Taiwan Country Manager, Milane Tsai, during their tour, which was also supported by Asiana Airlines, Best Sunshine Int'l, Hana Tour, and the Department of Public Lands. (PR)



Celebrity actress Phoebe Yuan Ai Fei shoots at Ladder Beach in June 2016 for her photo book that will be published in September and is anticipated to generate an estimated \$300,000 ad exposure for the Northern Mariana Islands.



Celebrity actress Phoebe Yuan Ai Fei, seated, shoots at Taga Beach, Tinian, in June 2016, for her photo book that will be published in September and is anticipated to generate an estimated \$300,000 ad exposure for the Northern Mariana Islands.

International Festival of Cultures seeks participants



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Students perform at the inaugural International Festival of Cultures in Saipan in September 2014. Individuals and groups interested in demonstrating or performing at this year's festival beginning Aug. 20, 2016, are invited to contact Ryan Calvo at the Marianas Visitors Authority at 664-3200.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is in need of more cultural demonstrators for 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures beginning on Aug. 20, 2016.

The festival will be held Aug. 20 and 27 and Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24 at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

Due to many participants having extended work hours this season, the MVA is seeking more representatives of different cultures to share their skills and talents at the event.

"Whether their demonstration is big—like a dance group, or small—like traditional artwork, we'd like every

interested individual to join us at our next meeting to see how we can fit them into the schedule," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We really need more participants to make this year's festival a success."

Interested individuals are invited to join the next planning meeting today, July 22, at 3pm at the MVA office on Beach Rd., San Jose. Individuals unable to attend the meeting are urged to contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at 670.664.3200/1 or rcalvo@mymarianas.com.

"This year we want to make the festival more interactive by having more demonstrations in the booths. This is to make the event more enjoyable and memorable for visitors and

residents, alike," said Calvo. "Also, some of these performances may be chosen for the main stage. We encourage every individual who would like to share their traditional skills or knowledge to contact me as soon as possible."

The festival will include cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and food sales from 5pm to 10pm. Admission is free.

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PCC hosts Introduction to STEM Workshop

Palau Community College recently conducted a workshop for graduating high school seniors that focused on the significance of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Disciplines. The workshop aimed to increase the students' awareness and interest regarding the following degree programs offered at the college: the Information Technology Program, the Environmental/Marine Science Program, and the Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation Program. Presentations by college instructors and hands-on activities were designed to provide the students with an understanding about the adaptation of scientific, technological, and traditional knowledge on a local community level. It was also an opportunity for the college to increase its student enrollment in these specific programs.

The workshop began on Monday, July 11, 2016 with a welcoming ceremony at the PCC Assembly Hall. Afterwards, the students participated in a technology class about digital graphic use. The lesson focused mainly on the various applications of the Adobe PhotoShop Photo-Editing Software. The technology lessons continued the next day with an introduction to the basics of computer programming and web page development.

From Wednesday, July 13, 2016 to Thursday, July 14, 2016 activities related to environmental/marine science were organized for the high school seniors. The students learned about environmental issues that have impacted Palau, such as global warming and coral bleaching. They also participated in a field day excursion that introduced the students to scientific research methods used in assessing Palau's marine environment.

The last day of the workshop was on Friday, July 15, 2016. As part of the PCC Traditional Non-Instrumental



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Palau Community College recently conducted a workshop for graduating high school seniors. Photo shows Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation students on board the *Alingano Maisu*.

Navigation Program, the students sailed from the NECO Marine Harbor to the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) Port on the Alingano Maisu, a fifty-six feet (56ft.) voyaging canoe that recently sailed from Palau to Guam for the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts. The students sailed under the command of Navigator Sesario Sewralur who is also the program's instructor. The workshop concluded with a luncheon that was held at the PICRC Conference Room.

A total of 17 high school graduating seniors participated in the workshop: Roleen Ronny (Palau High School), Shunrang B. Chin (Mindszenty High School), Zsanessa D. Isamu (Palau Mission Academy), Mengei S. Termetet (Palau High School), Ronalei S. Ronny (Palau High School), Kirah I. Rebelkuul (Mind-

szenty High School), Diluey U. Takawo (Mindszenty High School), Masasinge T. Hideos (Palau High School), Ronald Gabriel (Palau High School), Cesca M. Sam (Bethania High School), Elora James (Palau High School), Christie Tuchelaur (Mindszenty High School), Bonicarbo Thomas (Palau High School), Brett A. Meriang (Palau High School), Garry B. Tellames Jr. (Emanuel High School), Ngedengoll D. Akira (Palau High School), and Samantha O. Iyar (Palau Mission Academy).

The Introduction to STEM Workshop hosted by PCC aimed to provide graduating high school students in Palau with an awareness regarding the importance of science, technology, and traditional knowledge education. In order to increase the students' enrollment in these respective

fields, the workshop provided information and activities that

highlighted the learning experiences of each program.



Information Technology was part of the Palau Community College's recently conducted workshop for graduating high school seniors.

ACCJC reaffirms PCC accreditation

Palau Community College recently received a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges president Dr. Barbara A. Beno regarding its accreditation status.

As of July 8, 2016 the accreditation status of the community college has been reaffirmed for 18 months. The college is required to submit a Follow-Up Report by Oct. 15, 2017 demonstrating that it has resolved the following deficiencies in order to meet accreditation standards: 1) PCC

must complete its planned schedule of assessment for the institution-set standards and publish the results (I.B.3, ER11); 2) PCC should provide an opportunity for third-party comments prior to site visits in accordance with the Commission's policy on Rights and Responsibility of Commission and Member Institutions (I.C.12); and 3) the PCC Governing Board should implement a mechanism to make public the results of its performance evaluation (IV.C.10).

As an accredited institution, Palau Community College is

required to submit an Institutional Self-Evaluation Report to the ACCJC-WASC at the end of an accreditation cycle. The report is a self-assessment conducted by the institution regarding its student learning, student success, and institutional effectiveness. Members of the accreditation Commission review the report in order to determine whether the college is meeting the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission Policies set for institutional accreditation. On December 24, 2015 the community col-

lege submitted its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report along with supporting evidence materials to the Commission.

From Feb. 29, 2016 to March 3, 2016 an External Evaluation Team visited the college. The team of 11 members was chaired by Dr. Melinda Nish, the superintendent/president of the Southwestern College in California. During their visit, the External Evaluation Team met with PCC administrators, faculty, staff, and students to validate the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report that was submitted by the college. After their visit, the External Evaluation Team

compiled its report that was received by Palau Community College on March 26, 2016. The college submitted a response to the External Evaluation Report on March 31, 2016. A Supplemental Report was submitted to ACCJC-WASC on May 05, 2016.

PCC president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei appeared with the commission on June 8, 2016 on behalf of the college. After reviewing all the material, the Commission acted to reaffirm accreditation for eighteen months requiring Palau Community College to submit a Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2016. The reaffirmation

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

The PCC Introduction to STEM Workshop was made possible due to the generous support of the National Science Foundation, Advanced Technological Educational (NSF-ATE) Project entitled: "Partnership for Advanced Marine and Environmental Science Training for Pacific Islanders." The NSF-ATE Project is designed to enhance marine and environmental science education at the five (5) minority-serving community colleges of the Pacific islands: American Samoa Community College, the College of Micronesia - FSM, the College of the Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas College, and Palau Community College. The project is a National Science Foundation Program that works to increase the amount of underrepresented minority students graduating with four-year degrees in STEM disciplines. (PR)

indicates that the Commission has determined Palau Community College is in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards.

The college would like to recognize its Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students who assisted with the accreditation process. The dedication and hard work of those involved have helped Palau Community College maintain its accreditation status. Thank you all for ensuring that Palau's only institution of higher learning continues to support student learning, achievement, and institutional effectiveness. (PR)

Nation

Thunderous boos for Cruz for refusing to endorse Trump

CLEVELAND (AP)—Undercutting calls for Republican unity, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz stubbornly refused to endorse Donald Trump Wednesday night as he addressed the GOP convention, igniting thunderous boos from furious delegates as he encouraged Americans to simply “vote your conscience” in November.

In a surreal moment, Trump unexpectedly walked into the arena just as Cruz was wrapping up his remarks. Delegates chanted Trump’s name and implored Cruz to voice his support for the businessman, to no avail.

“Vote for candidates up and down the ticket who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution,” Cruz said. While he backed some of Trump’s policy proposals, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, he mentioned the GOP nominee by name only once.

Cruz’s defiance ripped open party divisions anew, on the



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, addresses the delegates during the third day session of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

summer’s biggest political stage. Trump allies were infuriated, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who said Cruz’s decision was “totally selfish.”

The remarkable moment upended what was shaping up to be the convention’s most successful night, and overshadowed Indiana Gov. Mike Pence’s national convention debut as Trump’s running mate.

“You have nominated a man for president who never

quits,” Pence said. “Until now, he’s had to do it all by himself against all odds, but this week, with this united party, he’s got backup.”

Trump joined Pence on stage, applauding his new political partner and humorously leaning in to nearly give him a kiss on the cheek.



The campaign had hoped Pence’s address would quiet Republican doubts about Trump. Unlike the celebrity businessman, Pence is an experienced politician, favorite of conservatives and ally of party leaders.

But Cruz’s appearance left the arena unsettled for

the night’s closing speakers. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to quiet the anger as he took the stage, going off script to try to explain away the senator’s lack of support for the nominee.

“Ted Cruz said you can vote your conscience for anyone who will uphold the Constitution,” he said. “In this election there is only one candidate who will uphold the Constitution.”

Cruz told Trump in a phone conversation two days ago that he would not endorse him during his speech, according to Cruz aide Jason Johnson.

Still, Trump’s campaign invited Cruz to speak - in a headliner role, no less. That decision was sure to spark a new round of second guessing about the campaign’s management of the convention and preparedness for a bruising general election against Democrat Hillary Clinton.

In a late night tweet, Trump said he had seen Cruz’s speech two hours before he took the stage but let him speak anyway. “No big deal!” Trump wrote

Gunman’s manifesto describes actions as ‘necessary evil’

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The man who ambushed and killed three law enforcement officers in Louisiana purportedly described his actions as a “necessary evil” in a self-described, hand-written manifesto that an Ohio man says was emailed to him by the gunman less than an hour before the shootings.

Photographs of the three-page letter show it was signed by “Cosmo,” the first name of an alias used by Baton Rouge gunman Gavin Long, and the pictures were attached to an email sent from a Google address that Long used.

In the letter, Long said he expected people who knew him wouldn’t believe he would commit “such horrendous acts of violence.” He wrote that he viewed his actions as necessary to “create substantial change within America’s police force.”

The Associated Press obtained the photographs of the letter Wednesday from Yarima Karama, a Columbus, Ohio, musician who said he didn’t know Long personally but received several emails from him after Long began commenting on Karama’s YouTube videos in March.

The AP was not able to conclusively verify Long sent the photos himself from his Google account. Metadata reviewed from the three photos indicates they were snapped

shortly before 8 a.m. on the day of the shooting using a Motorola Android cellphone, but both photos and time stamps can be modified. The photographs appear to have been taken from inside a car because a gearshift and a cup holder are visible.

Police have said officers first saw the shooter at a convenience store at 8:40 a.m. Sunday. Within two minutes, there were reports of shots fired. Police gunned down Long after he fatally shot three officers and wounded three others. It was his 29th birthday.

The violence capped two weeks of turmoil for Baton Rouge that began with the killing of a black man, Alton Sterling, during a scuffle with two white police officers at a convenience store. That shooting, captured on cellphone video, provoked widespread protests about police treatment of the black community.


Karama said he provided a copy of the letter to FBI agents who interviewed him at his home Wednesday.

The story about the manifesto was first reported by BuzzFeed.

Todd Lindgren, a spokesman for the FBI office in Cincinnati, said he could not respond to any questions about the case “due to the Baton Rouge matter being an ongoing investigation,” and the FBI’s New Orleans office also declined comment.

Forever Loved, Never Forgotten...

First Death Anniversary



He lived a life filled with much joy, happiness, kindness, and most of all, much love and now a life of peaceful rest in God's loving care.

In memory of his new life, we the family of the late Frankie Babauta Castro, lovingly known as Ko', respectfully invite our relatives and friends to join us in the First Death Anniversary masses to be offered at the Santa Soledad Church. The anniversary mass will begin on **Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 08:30am**. From **July 25 through July 30, 2016** nightly mass will be at **6:00pm** then on **July 31, 2016** mass is at **08:30am**.

On the final night, **August 01, 2016** mass will be at **6:00pm** and immediately after the celebration of the Eucharist, in grateful appreciation, we the family invite you all to join us for dinner to be served at the Santa Soledad Social Hall.

May God's grace and blessings be upon us always.

Tina Indalecio, Children, Grandchildren and Family

Asia

No 'Pokemon Go' yet in Japan, but government already worried

TOKYO (AP)—The “Pokemon Go” craze has yet to hit Japan, but reports of robberies, traffic accidents and other mishaps abroad already have the government worried.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Thursday that the government wants players to follow guidelines issued by a national center for incident readiness and cybersecurity.

In a one-page flier, the government-run agency has released nine tips advising players of the augmented reality game to be cautious of scams and their personal safety as well as to carry extra batteries and be mindful of heatstroke.

Fans are eagerly awaiting the launch of “Pokemon Go” in the character’s country of birth. A report that the game would finally be released in Japan on Wednesday raised expectations, but turned out to be false.

That left gamers in Akihabara, Tokyo’s center for all things tech, still pining to start catching Pokemon in their neighborhoods.

“There are people who have



In this Monday, July 18, 2016 photo, a stuffed toy of Pikachu, a Pokemon character, is surrounded by children during a Pokemon festival in Tokyo

achieved a high score abroad, so I hope it gets released in Japan soon,” 16-year-old Souta Horime said.

The game was launched two weeks ago in the United States, Australia and New Zealand, and is available in more than 20 countries, mostly in Europe and North America.

The developer, Niantic, has not announced a release date for Japan. McDonalds Japan,

though, said in a brief statement late Wednesday that it is collaborating with “Pokemon Go” and that the project will be launched soon.

Motomasa Takahashi, 21, said he would be careful playing the game, after seeing reports of accidents related to it. A driver who crashed into another car in Fall City, Washington, in the U.S., reportedly told authorities he was distracted by the game.

Oceanographer says Flight 370 could be north of search area

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The oceanographer whose calculations helped an American adventurer find potential debris from Flight 370 said Thursday that the Malaysia Airlines jetliner could have crashed slightly north of the current search area.

Adventurer Blaine Gibson handed Malaysian authorities in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday three pieces of debris and personal belongings that he found on Madagascar beaches

in June, which he suspects came from the Boeing 777 that vanished with 239 people on board during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014.

Another six pieces of potential debris found by Gibson are waiting with Madagascar authorities for Malaysia to collect.

Western Australia University oceanographer Charitha Pattiaratchi said he had told Gibson that Flight 370 debris was likely to concentrate on

Madagascar. Pattiaratchi’s earlier advice had led Gibson to Mozambique where he found debris in February that experts later determined came from Flight 370.

“He rang me from the Maldives and said: ‘Where should I go? Should I go to Rodrigues, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa?’” Pattiaratchi said Thursday. “I said: ‘Your best bet is the northeast part of Madagascar,’ which is where he went.”



ASIAN BRIEFS

At least 75 dead, missing in recent China flooding

BEIJING (AP)—China says at least 75 people have died or gone missing since Monday in massive floods across the country’s north. The figures released by the Civil Affairs Ministry on Thursday come amid some of the worst flooding in years, fed by constant downpours. Already, 576 people have been recorded as dead or missing nationwide in the first half of the year. Usually dry Beijing has seen heavy rain since Tuesday that has forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and trains, and has flooded city streets. The rain has threatened embankments along rivers in central China, with authorities mobilizing troops and heavy

equipment to fill the gaps.

Hong Kong teen protest leader guilty of unlawful assembly

HONG KONG (AP)—A Hong Kong court on Thursday found teen protest leader Joshua Wong guilty of taking part in an illegal rally that sparked massive student-led pro-democracy street protests two years ago. The 19-year-old Wong tweeted that he “was found guilty of the charge of participating unlawful assembly by court of Hong Kong.” A magistrate handed down the verdict for Wong and two other young student leaders, Nathan Law and Alex Chow, following a trial earlier this year. Chow was convicted of the same charge while Law was found guilty of inciting others

to join an illegal assembly, according to local media reports.

Sydney flight to Thailand diverted due to 6 rowdy passengers

SYDNEY (AP)—A flight from Sydney to Thailand was diverted to Indonesia to offload six rowdy passengers, the airline said on Thursday. Jetstar Flight JQ27 was diverted to Bali on Wednesday night after the six who were traveling together to the tourist island of Phuket became “extremely disruptive among themselves” and refused requests from the crew, the Australian budget airline said in a statement. The passengers were handed over to Indonesian police at Denpasar Airport before the flight continued on to Phuket.

World

Turkey declares 3-month state of emergency after failed coup

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey’s president on Wednesday declared a three-month state of emergency following a botched coup attempt, declaring he would rid the military of the “virus” of subversion and giving the government sweeping powers to expand a crackdown that has already included mass arrests and the closure of hundreds of schools.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was accused of autocratic conduct before the insurrection, said the measure would counter threats to Turkish democracy. Possibly anticipating investor jitters, Erdogan criticized Standard & Poor’s for downgrading its credit rating for Turkey deeper into “junk” status and said the country would remain financially disciplined.

The president did not announce details, but the security measure could facilitate longer detentions for many of the nearly 10,000 people who have been rounded up since loyalist security forces and protesters quashed the rebellion that started Friday night and was over by Saturday.

“This measure is in no way

against democracy, the law and freedoms,” Erdogan said in a national televised address after a meeting with Cabinet ministers and security advisers.

The state of emergency announcement needs to be published in a state gazette and lawmakers have to approve it for it to take effect, according to analysts.

Turkey imposed emergency rule in the southeast of Turkey in 1987, allowing officials to set curfews, issue search and arrest warrants and restrict gatherings as the security forces fought Kurdish rebels. The emergency rule was gradually lifted by 2002.

The president suggested military purges would continue.

“As the commander in chief, I will also attend to it so that all the viruses within the armed forces will be cleansed,” Erdogan said.

In an apparent attempt to calm fears that the military’s powers will be increased, the president said the military will be under the government-appointed governors’ command and work closely with the regional governors.

The pro-government death

toll in the botched coup was 246. At least 24 coup plotters were also killed.

Turkey also said it would close more than 600 private schools and dormitories following the attempted coup, spurring fears that the state’s move against perceived enemies is undermining key institutions in the country.

Erdogan’s government said it has fired nearly 22,000 education ministry workers, mostly teachers, taken steps to revoke the licenses of 21,000 other teachers at private schools and sacked or detained half a dozen university presidents in a campaign to root out alleged supporters of a U.S.-based Muslim cleric blamed for the failed insurrection.

The targeting of education ties in with Erdogan’s belief that the cleric, Fethullah Gulen, whose followers run a network of schools worldwide, seeks to infiltrate the Turkish education system and other institutions in order to bend the country to his will. The cleric’s movement, which espouses moderation and multi-faith harmony, says it is a scapegoat.

Refugee teen in German train attack seemed to be adjusting

OCHSENFURT, Germany (AP)—By all accounts, the 17-year-old Afghan behind an ax-and-knife rampage aboard a commuter train in Germany seemed to be quickly integrating and adapting to life in Germany—until something, possibly the death of a friend back home, prompted him to radicalize and turn on the country that took him in.

Five people were wounded in the attack late Monday near Wuerzburg, including four members of a Hong Kong family who were on the train and a woman walking her dog outside. Two remained in critical condition Wednesday, and Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said it wasn’t clear if they will survive.

The attacker, whose name hasn’t been released by authorities, was killed by police.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack and posted a video in which the teen waved a knife and referred to himself as a “soldier of the Islamic State.” During the attack, witnesses said he yelled “Allahu akbar,” Arabic for “God is great.”

The teen was one of about 60,000 unaccompanied minors who came into Germany last year amid a flood of 1 million migrants. Authorities say such young people are particularly traumatized and in need of help, but also vulnerable to radicalization by Islamic extremists.

He wasn’t on authorities’

radar, and people who knew him said he seemed to be fitting in. He played soccer with the locals and had an internship at a local bakery, a growing command of the German language and a new home with a foster family outside the serene Bavarian town of Ochsenfurt.

He was a Sunni Muslim who went to mosque only on holidays, but prayed regularly at home.

“He always seemed relaxed, pleasant, he smiled, he was completely unobtrusive, in the best sense,” said Simone Barrientos, 52, who lived down the road from the boy’s refugee home and belongs to a group of volunteers that helps refugees in Ochsenfurt.

UN chief says Iran deal marks fundamental shift

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United Nations chief says that the Iran nuclear deal marked a fundamental change in the Middle Eastern nation’s relationship with the Security Council and has provided Iran with an opportunity for greater engagement with the international community.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement commemorating the one year anniversary of the Security Council’s approval of the deal on Wednesday that the agreement is the best way to ensure the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear program and realize the aspiration

of the Iranian people.

Ban called on all member states to support the full and effective implementation of the agreement, adding that it was “of the utmost importance that (the nuclear deal) works for all its participants, including by delivering tangible benefits to the Iranian people.”

Life & Style

Comic-Con launches with preview night, 'Trek' premiere

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The hordes of zombies, legions of Stormtroopers, leagues of superheroes and crews of Starfleet officers have already begun crawling, marching, flying and beaming into San Diego for that other big convention this week: Comic-Con International.

The pop-culture celebration kicked off Wednesday evening with the festival's preview night, where con-goers with four-day passes have first crack at the collectables, free swag and photo opportunities on the San Diego Convention

Jessica Chancellor, dressed as Batgirl, waits in line for her credential on Preview Night at Comic-Con International held at the San Diego Convention Center Wednesday, July 20, 2016, in San Diego.

Center floor.

New York City resident and toy store employee Mike Williams, 49, came solely for the collectibles. Armed with eight massive shopping bags packed to the brim with all kinds of toys, from G.I. Joe to Transformers to Star Wars exclusives less than an hour after



the doors opened, Williams said he simply "doesn't have time for the panels."

Others gathered on the packed convention floor to gaze at the impressive installations. While there won't be any major "Star Wars" panels this year, the brand took up a huge amount of space on the floor with a Jedi Temple containing looks at costumes from the upcoming

anthology film "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," alongside merchandise such as Princess Leia socks, BB-8 lamps, and Captain Phasma leggings.

Not to be upstaged, Warner Bros. and DC Comics rolled out the fashions, too, with looks at some of the metallic "Wonder Woman" costumes and the neon duds of "Suicide Squad."

It wasn't just the new be-

ing celebrated, though. Marvel Comics debuted a 13-foot bronze statue of Captain America on the convention floor in celebration of the superhero's 75th anniversary. Elsewhere in the Gaslamp District, Wonder Woman was getting a 75th tribute of her own with the reveal

of her "invisible" jet.

Outside the sprawling bayside venue, the premiere of "Star Trek Beyond" was held Wednesday night at the Embarcadero Marina Park. The sci-fi sequel's U.S. debut marks the first-ever outdoor Imax screening.

Cosby files latest bid to question accuser before trial

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Bill Cosby is again fighting for the chance to question his sexual-assault case goes to trial near Philadelphia.

Cosby's lawyers have filed their latest appeal on the issue of whether accuser Andrea Constand must testify at a preliminary hearing.

The current case law in Pennsylvania lets prosecutors use police statements to spare victims the ordeal of repeated court testimony.

But the state Supreme Court has agreed to reconsider the issue. Cosby's lawyers say Constand should testify in case the law is reversed.

A Montgomery County judge has already upheld the charges and ordered the 79-year-old Cosby to stand trial.

He remains free on \$1 million bail.

Cosby insists his sexual encounter with Constand in 2004 was consensual. She says she was drugged and assaulted.

Why Sulu's husband is Asian in 'Star Trek Beyond'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Much has been made of the decision to reveal that the "Star Trek" character Sulu is gay in the latest franchise installment "Star Trek Beyond," but for actor John Cho, one of the most important things was ensuring that Sulu's husband was also of Asian descent.

"Originally we weren't even sure if the husband was going to be human," Cho said. "When I thought about it, I wanted two things: I wanted the parents to look as traditional as possible. And because he was gay, the Asian and Asian thing would ironically be super radical."

The choice, Cho said, was partially intended as a "valentine" to a gay friend he had growing up.

"I always felt it was harder being gay and Asian than any other combination. I thought the cultural stigma was the thickest on the Asian boys I knew," Cho

said. "It would be appropriate that in the future it would look very much like what we tend to see in heterosexual families. It's kind of inside baseball, but that was important to me."

Director Justin Lin said producer Lindsey Weber had her eye on someone quite close by for the part: "Star Trek Beyond" co-writer Doug Jung.

"We thought there's no way Doug's going to do it," Lin said. "He said no, I'm not doing it. I'm a writer."

Cho figured they were just teasing Jung at first.

But the writer gave in eventually, somewhat out of necessity. The production was having trouble finding someone in Dubai willing to take on the role, Cho said.

In the film, out Friday, the couple is seen reuniting after the crew has returned from a long voyage. They embrace and walk off with their young daughter.

Kat Von D cuts ties with makeup artist Jeffree Star

Tattoo artist and reality show star Kat Von D has cut business ties with makeup artist Jeffree Star.

In a YouTube video, Von D says she's ended her business relationship with Star because he refused to pay for logos designed by a mutual friend and used on Star's products.

She said in an Instagram post that she's also pulling the shade "Jeffree" from her makeup collection.

Von D has starred on a pair of tattoo-themed TLC reality shows, "Miami Ink" and "L.A. Ink."

Star responded on Snapchat, saying Kat Von D's statements were "full of some really interesting lies and some propaganda." (AP)

In this Oct. 7, 2015, file photo, tattoo artist Kat Von D speaks with the media during the presentation of her new line of makeup in Madrid.



Family resents boyfriend for usurping dad's chair

DEAR ABBY: My beloved father passed away three years ago. One of my older sisters moved in with Mom to help take care of her and be her companion. My sister has a boyfriend my father absolutely disliked, and the rest of our family doesn't like him either.

My issue (and I'm not the only family member who feels this way) is that when her boyfriend is at the house, he sits in Dad's chair. It's hard enough not seeing Dad there anymore, but seeing the boyfriend sitting there is offensive. Am I wrong for feeling this way? If there is a way, how could I or my family approach the subject with my sister or her boyfriend?

DADDY'S GONE NOW

DEAR DADDY'S GONE NOW: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your obviously much-loved father. But the boyfriend may be using Dad's chair because no one else is using it, and it is comfortable and available.

As I see it, you and your other siblings have two choices: Either speak to the boyfriend and tell him — nicely — that seeing him occupy your father's special chair is painful for all of you, or replace the chair with one that has less sentimental value.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago I was descending an escalator when a suitcase belonging to the woman ahead of me got

stuck. She had put the bag in front of her, and the wheels had caught on one of the steps. When she reached the bottom of the escalator, she fell over her suitcase, and then I fell over her. I scrambled on my hands and knees as fast as I could to get out of the way of the dozens of people behind us, visualizing a pileup and injuries.

Fortunately, an attendant quickly grabbed the suitcase, and no one was hurt. As he did he said, "NEVER put a suitcase ahead of you on an escalator! Always carry it behind you so you can control it!" I hope this letter will save others from what could be a dangerous situation.

AVOIDED A PILEUP IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR AVOIDED: Whoa! So do I. Thank you for the warning.

DEAR ABBY: Recently my wife was out for some training all day on a Saturday. Our 11-year-old daughter had been invited to a birthday party on the same day, so I was to drop her off. My wife and daughter told me the birthday party "might or might not" be a sleepover party. My daughter would inform me at the end of the party if she were spending the night.

I wanted to know at the time I dropped her off whether she was going to be sleeping over. My wife claimed I "didn't need" to know. She accused me of being unreasonable, and said it was

DEAR ABBY

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OK for me to find out at the end of the party. I don't mean to be picky, but as a dad was I being unreasonable?

RESPONSIBLE PARENT IN OREGON

DEAR PARENT: No. As the parent responsible for your daughter that day, you had every right to know what the plans would be so you could plan your own evening. When the invitation was issued, that information should have been conveyed so your daughter would be prepared and take along her pajamas and toothbrush.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

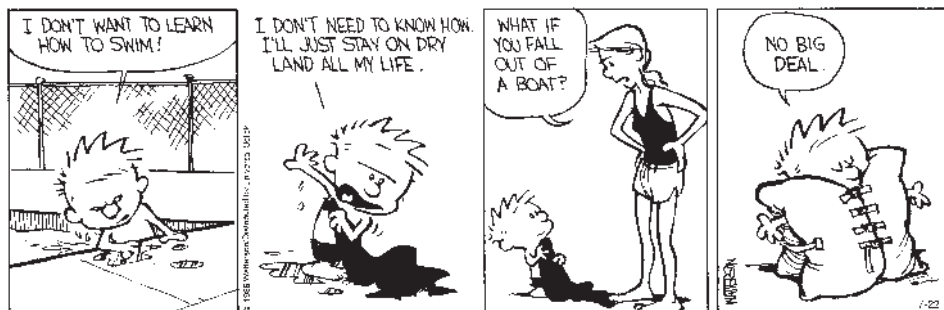
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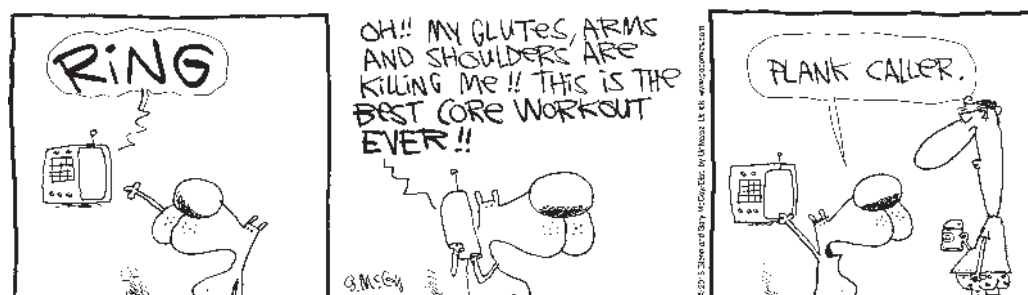


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Yesterday's answer 7-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Selena Gomez, 24; Rufus Wainwright, 43; David Spade, 52; Willem Dafoe, 61.

Happy Birthday: An optimistic approach to what you do will help you reach your destination. You can bring about changes that will encourage new beginnings and help you deal with situations that were dragging you down. Make this a year of transformation and taking great strides. Love is in the stars, and greater happiness and stability are within reach. Your numbers are 1, 16, 22, 29, 35, 40, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make plans, spend time with someone you love, or invest money in the possessions or experiences that will make you happy and boost your confidence. Romance will change your way of thinking and your plans for the future. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Implement new techniques into your work, and your production level will multiply. Be careful not to make promises to others that you cannot keep. Don't be made to feel guilty if someone uses emotional tactics to get something from you. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try to avoid getting involved with people who are a poor influence. Those who demonstrate indulgent or addictive qualities are best avoided. Make progress at home or through improvements to your personal appearance. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Making a residential move that will allow you greater freedom or the chance to try

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By Dave Green

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Harper hits 451-foot home run as Nats top Dodgers



WASHINGTON (AP)—Bryce Harper knocked his one-liner as far out of the park as he did his monster home run into the third deck.

"I was just trying to impress the scouts," Harper said after the Washington Nationals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-1 on Wednesday night.

Well, almost as far. Harper's towering two-run home run traveled an estimated 451 feet off Bud Norris in the first inning, a rocket that was one of the longest hit at Nationals Park.

The reigning National League MVP took a 3-1 fastball from Norris and sent it over the Jackie Robinson sign on the facade in right. Harper said he was just trying to get a good swing on the ball and recalled former manager Matt Williams' mantra of, "It's not how far, it's how many."

But this one was far.

"He didn't miss that one," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He tried to come up and in and just missed right around thigh high, and that's his nitro zone. Obviously a very good hitter like that, he can put a charge into it."

As far as how many, Harper reached 20 home runs for the fourth time in five seasons. He later walked and scored on Wilson Ramos' RBI double that was just one part of Washington's offensive explosion.

Ben Revere, Jayson Werth and Anthony Rendon also hit home runs and Trea Turner had an RBI triple and stole home for Washington, which snapped a six-game losing streak to Los Angeles dating to last season. Left-hander Gio Gonzalez (6-8) had one of his best starts of the season, allowing one run on three hits and striking out six in six innings.

Manager Dusty Baker said Gonzalez was "effectively wild" and didn't have a lot of



Washington Nationals right fielder Bryce Harper (34) catches a line drive by Los Angeles Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez for the out during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 20, 2016, in Washington.

Martin hit a two-run drive in the second inning. He then drove an 0-2 pitch from Dan Jennings (3-2) over the wall in right for his 13th homer.

Reds 6, Braves 3

In Cincinnati, Tucker Barnhart and Joey Votto hit two-run homers, and Cincinnati rallied to beat Atlanta to win the season series between the NL's worst teams.

Barnhart's homer completed a four-run rally in the sixth off Lucas Harrell (1-2). Votto extended his post-All Star break surge with his 16th homer off Ian Krol in the seventh.

Phillies 4, Marlins 1

In Philadelphia, Jeremy Hellickson struck out eight in eight innings, Tyler Goeddel hit a two-run homer and Philadelphia beat Miami.

Hellickson (7-7) allowed one run and five hits, improving his value as the Aug. 1 trade deadline approaches. Miami's Wei-Yin Chen (5-4) gave up four runs and 11 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Astros 7, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Doug Fister pitched seven innings and Jose Altuve continued his torrid hitting to help Houston beat Oakland.

After losing three of his last four decisions, Fister (10-6) threw seven innings of four-hit ball and struck out five. The A's failed to advance a runner past second base against Fister.

Rays 11, Rockies 3

In Denver, Chris Archer struck out 11 over six innings for his first victory since June 6, Tim Beckham had a career-high five hits and Tampa Bay routed Colorado.

Evan Longoria kept up his hot hitting with two doubles to help the Rays take two of three to capture their first road series since June 6-8 at Arizona.

Brewers 9, Pirates 5

In Pittsburgh, Jonathan Lucroy had a two-run single in the sixth inning and finished with three RBI in Milwaukee's victory over Pittsburgh.

Jonathan Villar, Hernan Perez and Ryan Braun had two hits each for Milwaukee and Chris Carter and Scooter Gennett drove in two runs apiece while the Brewers jumped on starter Jeff Locke (8-6).

pressure because of the run support he got.

Red Sox 11, Giants 7

In Boston, Hanley Ramirez homered three times and drove in a career-high six runs and the Boston Red Sox held on for a 11-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night even though newly acquired starter Drew Pomeranz struggled to protect an eight-run lead.

Boston won for the eighth time in nine games and moved into first place in the AL East, a half-game ahead of the Baltimore Orioles.

Matt Barnes (3-3) was awarded the victory as the first effective Red Sox pitcher, coming on with a one-run lead and the bases loaded in the sixth and pitching out of it.

Cubs 6, Mets 2

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo

homered twice off Bartolo Colon, Kyle Hendricks pitched 6 1/3 scoreless innings and Chicago beat New York to take two of three in the rematch of last year's NL Championship Series.

Rizzo pulled a slider to right for a solo homer in the third. Two innings later with a runner on, he sent a fastball into the right-field bleachers.

Cardinals 4, Padres 2

In St. Louis, Jedd Gyorko homered for the fifth straight game off San Diego pitching, connecting twice and driving in all three RBI in a 3-2 victory to give St. Louis a doubleheader sweep.

Gyorko, dealt by the Padres in the offseason for outfielder Jon Jay, is 13 for 21 (.619) against his old team with six homers and 10 RBI. He has 11 homers and 27 RBI on

the year with 40 starts spread across the infield. He started at third base in both games of the doubleheader.

He has four consecutive three-hit games against San Diego and four career multi-homer games, with both long balls in Game 2 off Paul Clemens (1-1).

Indians 11, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Tyler Naquin hit two of the Indians' five homers and had a career-high six RBI, helping Cleveland rout Kansas City.

Carlos Carrasco (7-3) only allowed one hit in six shutout innings, a one-out double by Cheslor Cuthbert in the fourth walked two in the sixth for his only other baserunners.

Blue Jays 10, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion each

hit two-run homers and Toronto beat Arizona.

Donaldson's homer off Patrick Corbin (4-9) landed in the Chase Field swimming pool in the first inning. Encarnacion's soaring shot off Daniel Hudson, projected at 471 feet, landed far down the walkway beyond the left field seats in the eighth.

Twins 4, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Max Kepler and Eddie Rosario homered off Francisco Rodriguez in the ninth and Minnesota Twins scored three runs in the inning to beat Detroit.

Detroit wasted a fine start by Justin Verlander, who gave up a run and two hits in eight innings. Rodriguez (1-1) retired the first two batters of the ninth before Kepler sent a drive to right field to break the 1-all tie.

Yankees 5, Orioles 0

In New York, Michael Pineda pitched six innings, Mark Teixeira homered in his return from his latest injury, and New York beat Baltimore to move two games above .500 for the first time since April.

Pineda (4-9) had six strikeouts with runners in scoring position and didn't allow a run for the first time all season. New York has won the first three of the four-game series to improve to 38-36.

Mariners 6, White Sox 5, 11 innings

In Seattle, Leonys Martin hit his second home run of the game, a solo shot with one out in the 11th inning that sent Seattle past Chicago.

Sam Allardyce on verge of being hired to coach England

LONDON (AP)—England is on the verge of hiring Sunderland manager Sam Allardyce to take charge of the national team as Roy Hodgson's successor.

A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the English Football Association is close to finalizing Allardyce's appointment.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the appointment has not been made and the FA board, which is due to meet on Thursday, has to approve new coaches.

The FA has to secure Al-

lardyce's release from Sunderland, which urged for a swift resolution last week after revealing that the 61-year-old Englishman had held talks with England.

"At the present time Sam Allardyce remains Sunderland manager," Sunderland said in a statement on Wednesday evening. "We share in the anger and frustration of our supporters and would like to assure them that we are working to conclude the matter in the best interests of Sunderland."

The FA began searching for a new coach three weeks ago when Hodgson's hopes of extending his four-year stint were ended by an embarrassing loss to Iceland in the last 16 of the European Championship. The defeat prolonged the country's trophy drought since the 1966 World Cup.

England has little time to dwell on the humiliation in France with qualifying for the 2018 World Cup beginning with an away match against Slovakia on Sept. 4.



Russian athletes await key ruling on Olympic track ban

ZHUKOVSKY, Russia (AP)—Long jumper Ekaterina Koneva says she'll cry. World hurdles champion Sergei Shubenkov says he'll drown his sorrows.

A day before a sports court rules on Russia's appeal against the ban on its track and field team from the Olympics, star Russian athletes at a meet near Moscow pondered how they will react if they lose their case and can't go to Rio de Janeiro.

"What if we are not admitted, what do we do?" asked Koneva, a world championship silver medalist who would be a contender for gold if allowed to go to Rio. "I hope they will tell us something good."

Shubenkov said: "I will get drunk."

The Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland will rule Thursday on an appeal filed by Russia's Olympic track and field team of 68 athletes against a ban imposed by the sport's world governing body, the IAAF, following allegations of state-sponsored doping and cover-ups.



As it stands, the IAAF has approved just two Russians to compete, as "neutral athletes," after they showed they had been training and living abroad under a robust drug testing regime. One is doping

whistleblower Yulia Stepanova, the other is Florida-based long jumper Darya Klishina, who has received threats online from Russian fans who think she would betray her country by competing if the

rest of the team is banned.

Thursday's ruling is likely to weigh heavily on whether the International Olympic Committee could exclude the entire Russian team - across all sports, not just track - fol-

lowing new allegations of a vast state-sponsored doping program that covered many Olympic sports.

Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren, who was commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency, issued a report Monday that accused Russia's sports ministry of orchestrating a vast doping program that affected 28 summer and winter Olympic sports.

The Russian appeal of the track ban was heard by a CAS panel on Tuesday in Geneva, with two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva on hand to represent the athletes. IAAF President Sebastian Coe also attended the hearing.

Two high-profile sports lawyers presented each side - California-based Howard Jacobs for the Russians, British attorney Jonathan Taylor for the IAAF.

World hurdles champion Sergei Shubenkov competes in the Russian Cup athletics competition in Zhukovsky, near Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, July 20, 2016. A day before a sports court rules on Russia's appeal against the ban on its track and field team from the Olympics, star Russian athletes at a meet near Moscow pondered how they will react if they are banned from Rio Olympics. Sergei Shubenkov says he'll drown his sorrows.

The decision will be closely scrutinized by the IOC, which said Tuesday it would "explore the legal options" for a possible total ban on Russia but would wait until after the CAS ruling before making a final decision.

If the IAAF ban is thrown out and the Russian track athletes are let back in, that would seemingly rule out the IOC imposing a blanket ban. If the ban is upheld, however, it would keep the option open.

The uncertainty is weighing heavily on Russian athletes.

"It puts a lot of pressure on us," said Koneva, who herself once served a two-year doping ban.

But the legal wrangling may not be over yet. Should the IOC then impose a total ban across all sports, Russian athletes—though probably not the track and field team—could conceivably appeal again to CAS.

The case dates back to November, when the IAAF suspended Russia's track and field federation following a World Anti-Doping Agency commission report that alleged systematic and state-backed doping in the country. The International Association of Athletics Federations upheld the ban last month, a decision accepted by the IOC.

Final decision on Olympic ban expected Sunday

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's top Olympic official expects a final decision by Sunday on whether the entire Russian team will be banned from next month's games in Rio de Janeiro over allegations of state-sponsored doping.

The International Olympic Committee said its executive board will meet via teleconference on Sunday to consider the issue, but added that a final decision was expected "within the next seven days."

The IOC is examining the legal options of a blanket ban

following a report by World Anti-Doping Agency investigator Richard McLaren that accused Russia's sports ministry of overseeing doping of the country's Olympic athletes.

"The issue will be finally resolved by the end of this week, probably on Sunday," Russian Olympic Committee president Alexander Zhukov said Wednesday at a meeting of the ROC.

Zhukov said his committee did not discuss the McLaren report at its meeting, although he also did not rule out legal action if Russia is hit with a

total ban from the games.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport will issue its verdict Thursday on Russia's appeal to overturn the IAAF ban on its track and field athletes for the games. The IOC will take that ruling into account before making its own decision.

Zhukov said he was hopeful of winning the appeal, adding that Russia's plans for the Olympics assumed the track and field team would be allowed to compete. Russia plans to send a total of 387 athletes, including 68 in track

and field, he said.

"Of course we hope for a CAS ruling in our favor," Zhukov told state TV. "It would be, I'd say, a serious precedent for the other federations' decisions."

Regardless of how the various doping-related cases turn out, Zhukov said a Russian Olympic boycott was out of the question.

"These boycotts just lead to a breakup of the Olympic movement," he said. "I think that Russia will never take part in any boycott."

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Fiesta gets back at JP Mambas

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan avenged its first round loss to JP Mambas after eking out a come-from-behind 53-49 win in their second meeting in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Fiesta, which fell to Mambas last month, 42-45, played without three of its key players in last weekend match but still prevailed after drawing a good debut from Fradel Sedillo and strong finish from holdover Jerald Rivera.

Sedillo anchored Fiesta's recovery in the second half, which started with Mambas enjoying a double-digit lead, 30-20. The lefty guard scored 8 straight markers midway in

the final frame and had 12 in that period to help Fiesta overhaul Mambas' lead.

Rivera, on the other hand, drilled Fiesta's last 6 markers to complete the come-from-behind victory. He finished with 13 markers to back up Sedillo, who tallied 16 in his first game with his new team.

Adonis Macoto and Paul Quizon also did their share, adding 11 and 10, respectively, to make up for the absence of Elmer Esdreton, Arjay Nonato, and Jarett Matsutaro.

Fiesta improved to a 5-2 record for second place behind the unbeaten Kanoa Resort (7-

0), while Mambas dropped to a 2-5 mark and is still in fourth place ahead of Lower Base (1-6) and POI (1-6).

Tony Raho paced Mambas with his 18 points, but was held to two field goals in the second half. Djay Ong contributed 12, while Ferdie De La Torre logged 10.



Fiesta 53 — Sedillo 16, Rivera 13, Macoto 11, Quizon 10, Demafelix 3.

JP Mambas 49 — Raho 18, D. Ong 12, De La Torre 10, Rabago 7, Chan 2.

Scoring by halves: 20-30, 53-49.



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Fiesta's Adonis Macoto, center, unloads a fadeaway jumper against Lower Base's William Benavente, left, and Jimmy Salazar during an earlier game in the Tan Holdings caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Macoto scored 11 points in their 53-49 win over JP Mambas last Friday.

Carmelo reveals Knicks had a chance to sign Wade this summer



LAS VEGAS—Next to Kevin Durant joining the Warriors, the biggest shock of the offseason was Dwyane Wade's decision to leave the Miami Heat, a franchise he's as synonymous with as Kobe Bryant was with the Lakers. Wade signed a two-year, \$47 million deal with his hometown Chicago Bulls after talks broke down with the Heat. But the Bulls weren't the only team Wade would have considered joining, according to his close friend Carmelo Anthony.

On Wednesday, after practice with Team USA in Las Vegas, Anthony revealed that the Knicks had "a chance" to sign Wade, if only the timing had been a little better.

"We would have had to pull a rabbit out of a hat," Anthony admitted. "If it was two days earlier, we probably would have had D-Wade."

The math on signing Wade would have been tricky for

New York, especially since center Joakim Noah agreed to a four-year, \$72 million deal on the first night of free agency, when the assumption around the league was still that Wade would ultimately find himself back in Miami.

Following Noah's signing, the Knicks locked up guard Courtney Lee to a four-year deal worth \$50 million, backup point guard Brandon Jennings on a one-year, \$5 million deal and resigned forward Lance Thomas for a deal that starts around \$6.1 million for next season. They also signed European prospects Willy Hernangomez and Mindaugas Kuzminskas to contracts above the minimum. If they had made none of those deals, they could have come close to approximating the deal the Bulls gave Wade.

For Wade, the appeal of playing with Anthony in New York would have been obvious. Along with LeBron James and Chris Paul, they are one half of the famous

"Banana Boat Squad." Their families are close, and they've vacationed together. Earlier this season, James hinted that at some point in his career, he would like to play with the rest of that group. Wade joining forces with Anthony would have made that dream much closer to a reality, although the complete group joining together would have likely required all four taking a pay cut at some point.

As it is, though, Wade is 34 years old and the Knicks largely made smart signings of younger players with more upside. Wade would have been a splashier name than anyone they acquired in free agency, but he would have been an awkward fit with Derrick Rose, and the Knicks were ultimately better off filling out the roster with their cap space instead of pooling it all to sign one player past his prime who wouldn't have gotten them closer to contending for a title in the near future.

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in the qualifying race, which Poland's Ewa Swoboda ruled after submitting 11.10 second. Swoboda, who also posted the fastest qualifying time, made it to the semi-finals along with Nigeria's Mercy Ntia-Obong (11.62 seconds), Israel's Diana Vaisman (11.69 seconds), South Africa's Tamzin Thomas (11.70 seconds), and Canada's Shyvonne Roxborough (11.78 seconds). Sapong missed the cut along with the Philippines' Kayla Anise Richardson (11.97 seconds), and Australia's Samantha Geddes (11.98 seconds).

Five other qualifying heats took place last Wednesday with Trinidad and Tobago's Khalifa St. Fort (11.50 seconds), the U.S.' Candice Hill (11.63 seconds), Great Brit-

ain's Imani-Lara Lansiquot (11.17 seconds), Bahrain's Imana Isa Jassim (11.66 seconds), and Colombia's Evelyn Rivera (11.55 seconds) topping their respective groups.

Rivera was on Heat 6 and were joined to the next round by Germany's Kahtrin Fehm and Bahrain's Basirah Sharifa Nasir, who clocked in at 11.60 and 11.61 seconds, respectively. Jassim reigned on Heat 5 to move into the next round with Norway's Helene Ronningen (11.69 seconds) and Spain's Lara Gomez (11.74 seconds).

Lansiquot registered the second best qualifying time and the seven other runners on her heat (3) all advanced to the semis set for 6:05pm (Poland time) yesterday. The U.S.' Celera Barnes (11.51 seconds), New Zealand's Zoe Hobbs (11.53 seconds), Jamaica's Vanesha Pusey (11.60 seconds), Trinidad and Toba-

go's Jenea Spinks (11.66 seconds), Norway's Vilde Aasmo (11.71 seconds), and British Virgin Islands' L.T. Sha Fahie (11.78 seconds) were the other qualifiers on Heat 3.

Hill led Heat 2 qualifiers and were joined by Germany's Chantal Butzek (11.73 seconds) and Ukraine's Yana Kachur (11.78), while St. Fort won Heat 1, which also had Britain's Hannah Brier (11.63 seconds) and Barbados' Evelyn Tristan (11.81 seconds) as qualifiers.

Meanwhile, Germany is on top of the medal tally (as of 5pm yesterday Saipan time) in the six-day event with its two gold medals and one bronze. Poland also has two gold medals to place second, while China has one gold and one silver to rank third. The U.S., Ethiopia, Cuba, and Kenya have one gold each with the former adding two bronzes.

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tion early last year in her bid to earn ranking points. He had been to tournaments in Guam, Vietnam, New Zealand, Brunei, Fiji, and New Caledonia besides participating in the last two editions of the Saipan-hosted IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

She is still in Fiji, training as

a member of the Pacific Oceania Touring Team that earned ITF/OTF Pacific Training Centre-Summer Scholarship. Tan, Heras, and world No. 453 Carol Lee have been away from Saipan for more than two months and they still have two more tournaments and one ITF ranking event scheduled in August in Fiji.

"The ITF competitions the past two months were tough, because all the high-ranked

players from all over the world came and played. But it was a great experience for me as I gained more confidence through these tournaments and these will help me with my other games in the future," Tan added.

Tan is also among the 17 CNMI players who will banner the North Pacific Team in the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships that will be held in Fiji next month.

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2-for-2 in the first two innings and scoring two RBIs and one run. Jerald Cabrera was 1-for-2, but hit a two-RBI single in the second where Titanium got five runs to grab the upper hand, 7-5. Titanium went on to post a 9-6 advantage at the start of the bottom of the sixth inning before the Bears called in A.J. Lizama to relieve Payton Lizama and bring order back to the unbeaten squad.

Payton Lizama pitched 1.2 innings and gave up six runs, while starting pitcher J.J. Lizama worked the mound for 2.1 innings, yielding two runs. A.J. Lizama allowed only two runs and four hits in six innings pitched, while striking out seven.

A.J. Lizama's presence on the mound seemed to boost his

teammates' confidence, as the Bears' top of the order began scoring off Titanium's errors in the second part of the close match. A.J. Lizama stole home at the top of the sixth to move the Bears within two, 7-9, and then his team tied the match at 10-apiece after a three-run top of the ninth. Joel Crisostomo scored the run that forced the standoff when he reached off a wild pitch from Jhace Palacios, while the two other runs came off Henry Lizama's RBI walk and hit by pitch.

Titanium, which earlier made its 10th run in the seventh inning off Steven Cabrera's RBI single, failed to break the deadlock and win the match in regulation, as it was called for a 1-2-3 inning at the bottom of the ninth. The Bears capped the regulation in fashion with a double play, as centerfielder Henry

Lizama caught a fly from Patrick Tenorio and then threw to first baseman Angel Palacios, who tagged out Nathan Camacho as the latter headed back to first. A.J. Palacios earlier fanned out leadoff batter Ian Lizama for the first out.

With the loss, Titanium fell to a 7-6 record and must win its last game (against the Yankees) to remain in contention for the playoffs. Only the Top 4 teams after the double-round robin regular season will advance to the crossover semis. With their perfect record, the Bears have clinched the No. 1 spot, while defending champions GSM Brewers (9-3), the BSI Aces (8-5), Falcons (7-5) and Titanium will fight for the three remaining slots and the rankings. The Yankees (4-8), North Starz (3-10), and Blue Jays (0-4) are the first three squads to be eliminated.

16th Mau Fatuul Classic



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Hoe Lokahi, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, and Saipan Paddling Club get ready for the start of the 1,000m race in last weekend's 16th Mau Fatuul Classic held in the waters off Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.



Hoe Lokahi paddlers head back to shore after completing the 500m race. ROSELYN B. MONROYO



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Hoe Lokahi and Saipan Paddling Club in a down-to-the-wire finish of the 1,000m race.



Napu paddlers switch sides. ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Saipan Paddling Club members slow down as they return to shore. ROSELYN B. MONROYO



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Saipan Paddling Club and Napu's women's paddlers go for the first lap of the four-lap 1,000m race.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The wooden trophies BSI-CSR staff made are on display during the two-day tournament.



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Seated from left, BSI-CSR executive director Rita Chong, Mau Pailug's son Henry Pailug, BSI employee and Pailug family member Vivian Nogis, and Rep. Ramon Tebuteb are joined by BSI-CSR representative Dania Mettao, standing left, and NAPU president Ponce Rasa for a group photo.



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Hoe Lokani, Napu, and Saipan Paddling Club members are near completion of the second lap of the 1,000m race.



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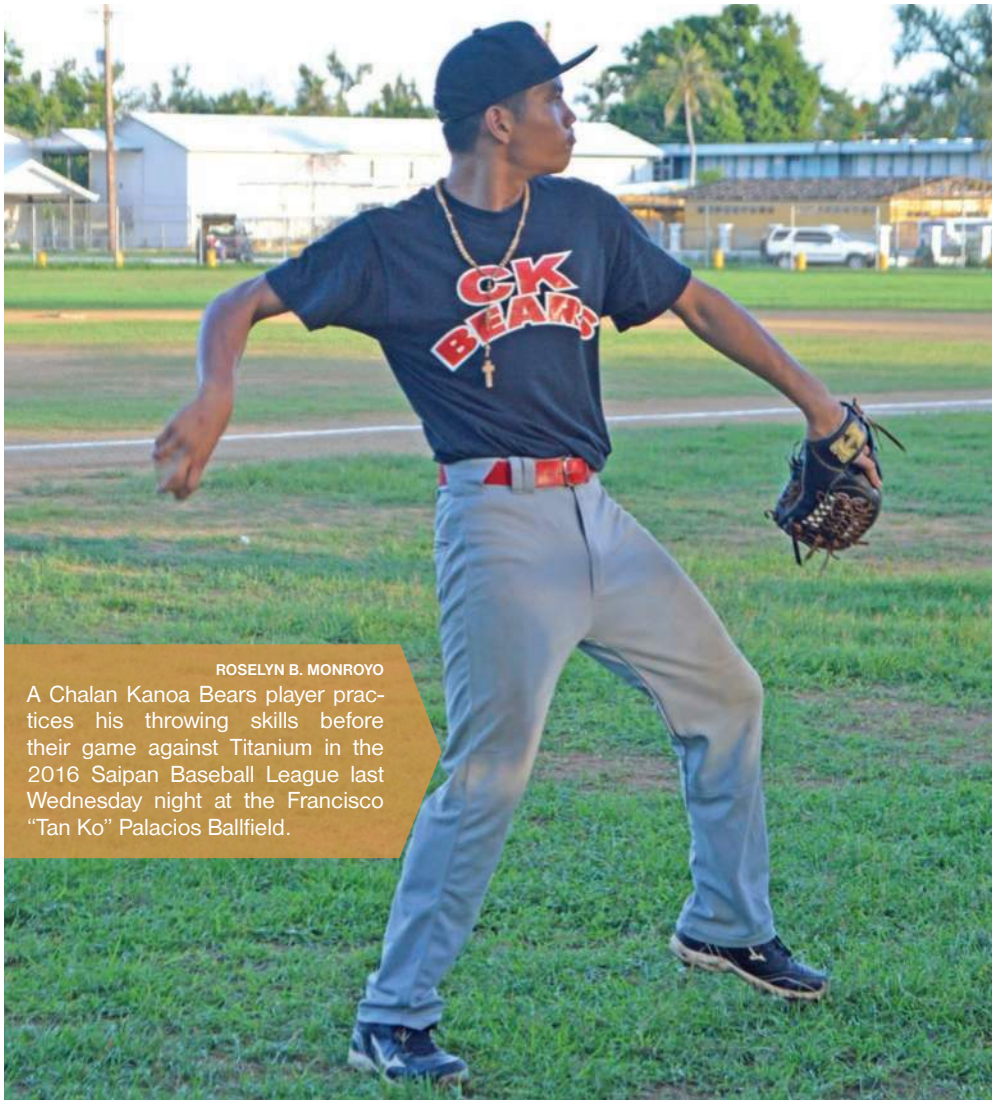
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Bears near regular season sweep



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A Chalan Kanoa Bears player practices his throwing skills before their game against Titanium in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears kept their hopes for a perfect regular season alive after slipping past Titanium, 11-10, in extra inning during their game in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



The Bears now have a 13-0 record and will go for the sweep when they face the BSI Aces next week in a make-up game.

J.J. Chong scored the go-ahead run at the top of the 10th inning off a sacrifice fly from Henry Lizama. Chong batted second for the Bears and walked before advancing to second and third off Titanium's errors with one out. Two more boobos from Titanium brought third batter Franklin

Lizama to first and second, while Henry Lizama was next at bat and flied out to right field, but was credited the RBI for bringing Chong home.

Ahead by just one, Franklin Lizama tried to move the Bears closer to their 12th run, but was tagged out at third to end the top of the extra inning. The Bears went on to keep the shaky lead at the bottom as Titanium was called for a 1-2-3 inning. Closer A.J. Lizama had two straight strikeouts to end the match and help the Bears

avoid the upset axe of Titanium, which was called for the first out at the bottom of the 10th when leadoff batter Joe Palacios went down on a 5-3 putout play.

Titanium threatened to hand the Bears their first loss after taking control of the first half of the match. Titanium scored eight runs in the first three innings against the six of the Bears. First baseman Brian Camacho was on target for the Bears early, going

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Sapong almost matches PB in World U20 event

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CNMI sprinter Zarinae Sapong completed her participation in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships after racing in the 100m event last Wednesday night at the Zawisza Stadium in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Sapong timed in at 13.36 seconds on Heat 4 of the qualifying races, missing her personal best by just .01 second. The Commonwealth athlete posted her PB of 13.35 seconds during the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Pohnpei.



The Marianas High School graduate was on Lane 3 of her heat and finished eighth

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IAAF PHOTO

The CNMI's Zarinae Sapong, left, and other runners on Heat 4 head to the starting line of the 100m qualifying race in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships last Wednesday at the Zawisza Stadium in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Tan labors for world ranking points

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It took CNMI player Tania Tan more than a year and 11 tournaments to get the much-wanted ITF Juniors world ranking points and she definitely earned them.

The 15-year-old is one of the two newest Commonwealth players to gain world rankings—the other one is Isabel Heras—making it to the elite group after advancing to the quarterfinals of the doubles event (with Heras) in the Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie held in Noumea, New Caledonia from June 13 to June 18 this year.

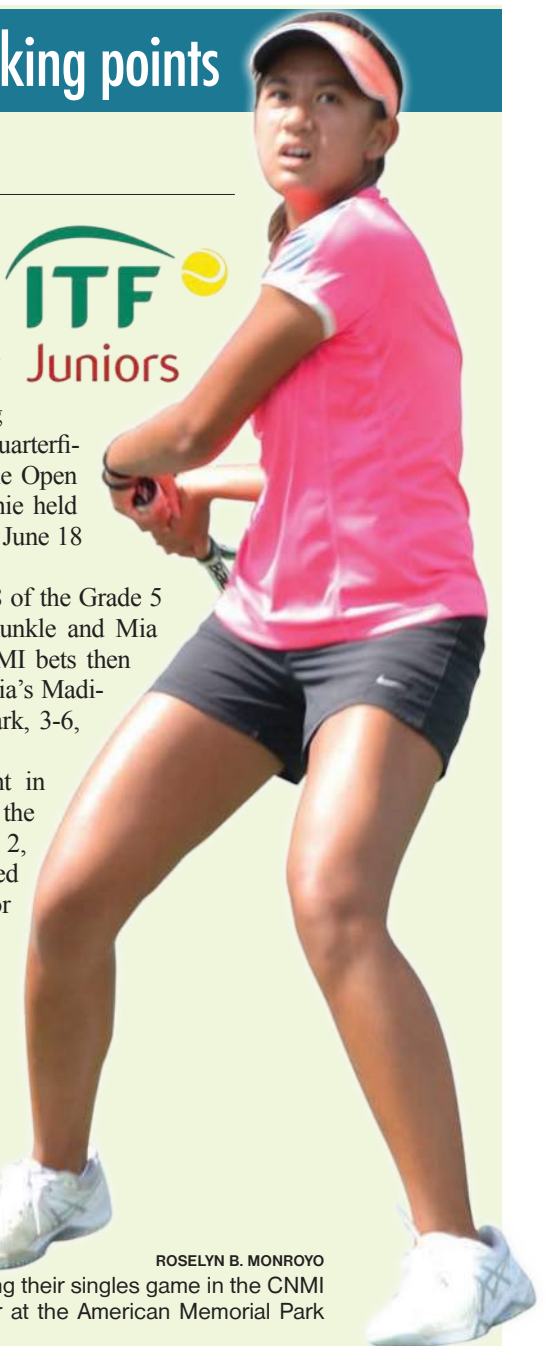
Tan and Heras moved into the Round of 8 of the Grade 5 event after sweeping Australia's Luciana Kunkle and Mia Katharina Savio, 7-6 (4), 6-3. The two CNMI bets then missed a semis entry after bowing to Australia's Madison Bishop and New Zealand's Lianvhi Clark, 3-6, 1-6, in the quarterfinals.

Tan at the conclusion of the tournament in Noumea received 5 ranking points and took the No. 2,200 spot in the world. She slid to No. 2,236 (as of July 18, 2016) as she has not played since seeing action in the Oceania Open Junior Championships in Fiji early this month.

"I can say now that I have worked hard to get these points and it feels great to tell people that you are ranked in the whole world. It also tells me that my training has paid off and it was worth it," Tan said when asked of her latest accomplishment.

The Saipan International School student began joining ITF Juniors competi-

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Tania Tan returns a shot to Asia Raulerson during their singles game in the CNMI Junior Tennis Championships in April this year at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.